

HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2009

Selectboard Members Present: Scott Griswold (SG), Allen Cusson (AC), Russell Lanphear (RL), Duncan Nash (DN), Rick Heath (RH)

Absent: None

Others Present: David DiDomenico, Rikki French, GMATV and Town Administrator Julia Compagna.

Chair Scott Griswold called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1) Village Trustees: Lease Agreement and Clock Tower –

The Selectboard and Trustees discussed a notice from the County Clerk that \$9,995 in repairs is needed for the town/village clock located in the county building. The Selectboard decided to pose a question to voters at Town Meeting whether they wish to support their half of continued maintenance for the clock or to discontinue maintenance. The Selectboard and Trustees reviewed a draft of a proposed lease between the Town and Village for Village use of a portion of the town office building. SG expressed concern with lead paint language in the lease. AC expressed concern over the amount of consideration offered. DN would like to have a discussion about establishing a capital reserve fund for the building to which the Village would contribute proportionately. The Boards agreed a representative from each would work together further on finalizing the lease. RH pointed out that documenting the arrangement with a lease would benefit everyone, as boards change membership. SG reminded the Trustees that the Town is still awaiting payment for their share of the renovation project.

2) Agricultural Lease -

The Davis Hill Farm returned the draft Ag Lease with a proposal to change the per-acre fee to \$10 for a term of five years. AC moved and DN seconded a motion to approve the lease. DN, AC, RH and SG voted in favor. RL voted against. Motion passed.

3) Previous Meeting Minutes -

The Selectboard reviewed the 11/12/09 meeting minutes. DN moved and AC seconded a motion to approve the minutes as written. RL noted that he did not vote in favor of the copier rental as stated in the minutes. SG advised that this resulted in a failed motion. The

Selectboard agreed to discuss the copier rental under "other business." An amendment to approve the minutes as corrected was moved and passed.

4) Financial Reports/Budget Discussion -

The Selectboard reviewed a proposed total revenue and expense budget worksheet (dated 12/10/09) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Line items in each fund/department were discussed. The Selectboard stopped at Page 13 and will resume their review at their December 17, 2009 meeting.

5) Selectboard Orders -

AC moved and DN seconded a motion to sign the Selectboard orders. DN expressed several concerns regarding the municipal building renovation project expenditures. He requested a written itemization of all project costs for the next Selectboard meeting. RH stated that any future projects should include a contracted bid process and a thorough review of any project changes using a change-order process. AC, RH and SG voted in favor of approving the orders. DN and RL voted against. Motion passed.

6) Delinquent Tax Collector -

SG explained that changing from an elected Tax Collector to an appointed Tax Collector would require a change to the Town Charter. RL stated that he was not aware of any intent by the Selectboard to change to an appointed position. SG stated that the Selectboard had told Marvin Locke that they would get back to him in December with an answer as to whether they wanted to bring his position "in-house."

7) VFW Drive -

SG confirmed that the taking over of VFW drive was complete and that all documents were executed and sent for recording.

8) Basic Emergency Operations Plan -

The Selectboard reviewed the proposed Basic Emergency Operations Plan. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Plan as presented. All were in favor. SG noted that the Plan contained information that the Town will still use in the more portable and user friendly Rapid Response Plan.

9) Green Up Day Coordinator -

The Selectboard discussed the appointed position of Coordinator. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Amy Hollenbaugh and Duncan Nash as Co-Coordinators. All were in favor.

11) Street Signs –

The Selectboard reviewed a request for a yield sign and directional sign near the intersection of Main Street and Johnson Street Extension. A motion was made and seconded to erect said signs. All were in favor.

AC moved to adjourn at 9:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julia Compagna
Town Administrator