

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 17, 2009**

Selectboard Members Present: Scott Griswold (SG), Russell Lanphear (RL),  
Duncan Nash (DN)

Absent: Allen Cusson (AC), Rick Heath (RH)

Others Present: Chief Ed Webster, Library Trustees Jim and Doreen  
Noyes, Lamoille Prevention Representative Denise  
Green, Town Clerk Kim Moulton and Town  
Administrator Julia Compagna.

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

**1) Chief Ed Webster – Hyde Park Fire Department Budget**

Chief Ed Webster presented his Call Report, Roster, Fire Permits Report, Income/Expense Report and Proposed Budget for inclusion in the Town Report. He reviewed the Proposed Budget line item by line item. He proposes a budget increase of \$1,450 over last year, as he needs to replace some small equipment. He shared that delivery of the new fire truck is anticipated for early May.

**2) Jim and Doreen Noyes – Lanpher Library Budget**

Jim Noyes reviewed a comparative budget report with the Selectboard. Doreen Noyes shared that use of library; programming and circulation have all increased over the last year. There have been frequent requests from the public for additional hours of operation, but for the proposed budget they have kept the hours the same. Jim Noyes suggested that oil usage history should be researched to determine if they are running under or over budget. DN volunteered to keep a log of Library and Fire Dept. oil usage. SG suggested for efficiency purposes salaries should be paid through the Town Office beginning in January. The Noyes' agreed. Jim Noyes explained that the overall budget increase of 1.34% included salary increases of 3%.

**3) Denise Green - Lamoille Prevention Campaign Representative**

Denise Green presented information regarding her organizations efforts to reduce underage drinking, substance abuse while providing public outreach and education. The LPC meets once per month and works with schools, social services and the legal system.

SG suggested that she have a booth at Town Meeting. DN suggested that her group link to the Town's website.

#### **4) Building Lease**

SG has been trying to contact Trustees Rikki French to set up continued discussions regarding the Village Lease. A \$17,500 balance remains outstanding for the Village portion of the building renovation. DN will follow up with the Village Lease negotiations.

#### **5) Copier**

SG tabled this topic until the full Selectboard could be present.

#### **6) Town Report Dedication**

The Selectboard discussed possible choices for the Town Report dedication. SG and Julia Compagna will draft language for further consideration.

#### **7) CIGA Funds**

Dawn Slayton retrieved the CIGA files from the downstairs vault. Ken Harvey's repayment schedule of \$6K per year (\$4K to Hyde Park, \$2K to Wolcott) continues until 2014 when there is a \$50K+ balloon payment. There is a balance of \$1,696 outstanding in second-generation money loaned to residents of Gingras Road for their water system repair.

#### **8) Budget Discussion**

The Auditor requested a clarification from the Selectboard regarding deferred revenue in the FEMA project. DN moved and RL seconded a motion to bring \$55,304.76 in deferred revenue over from the 2008-2009 budget into the 2009-2010 highway budget. All were in favor. SG noted the only remaining change to make to the 08-09 budget is to re-structure library staff salaries. The Selectboard discussed investment instruments for Capital Reserve monies. The existing balance could be invested now. After the last tax installment in May, the total moved to Capital Reserve throughout the year will have been \$107,500. The Selectboard reviewed a draft of the 2010-2011 budget. The Town Clerk will insert information from the Fire Dept. and Library into the working draft. RL reviewed the proposed highway budget. Increases were noted in salt and paving while winter fuel dropped based upon the timing of orders and payments. The proposed budget should net out to close to what it has been the last two years. SG suggested including a request for \$75 from the Northern Vermont Resource Conservation Development Council in the general appropriations article. SG mentioned that an article would need to be drafted regarding the Town/Village clock repair. With regard to articles, Julia Compagna shared that Bill Bartlett will be dropping of a petition for a Special Town Meeting regarding the Zack Woods Pond purchase. SG suggested that a date could be selected once the petitions have been verified for voter validity. SG stated that the Selectboard

would continue to work on the salaries portion of the budget, but that the Town Clerk and Town Administrator were excused. Kim Moulton and Julia Compagna left the meeting at 8:15 PM. The Selectboard reviewed and discussed budget figures for salaries.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julia Compagna  
Town Administrator