

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2012**

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Members Present: Brian Jones (BJ), Vice-Chair; Mike Dubie (MD); Roland Boivin (RB); and Roger Audet (RA)
Members Absent: David Gagnier (DG), Chair
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Deanna Judkins; Jim and Vicki Grant; Ryan Nolan; Kevin Audet; Brad Carriere; Seth Jensen; Dan Landry; VTrans Project Manager; Rick Hebert, TY Limited International; Debbie Slayton; Ken Harvey; Andrew Martin, News and Citizen; Pam VanDeursen, VLCT Senior Member Relations Representative; LCSD Sheriff's Department Deputy Audet; Heidi Joyce, VLCT Wellness Program Coordinator; Green Mountain Access Television videotaped this meeting.

BJ called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Welcome and Public Comment** – No public comment was received.
2. **Review Minutes** – Motion by RA to approve the August 9, 2012, August 27, 2012 and September 4, 2012 minutes, as written. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. **VLCT Wellness and Health Insurance Program** – Heidi Joyce from VLCT Wellness Program. Heidi informed the board of the various wellness programs available to towns, some programs do not require the town to be a member of the VLCT Health Trust, such as InvestEAP and special wellness events. The town currently has MVP and Digital Benefits as its health insurance broker. Pam VanDeursen reviewed the current health plan structure and the benefits of changing back to VLCT and handed out an information packet. Pam noted that recently VLCT has restructured the health trust and is now reaching out to prior members. VLCT would provide employees with wellness programs, COBRA services, and "Health Advocate" benefits. Pam reviewed the option to switch back to VLCT through a signed broker letter designating VLCT/Hickok-Boardman as broker of record. Also, the current defined benefit program could be modified by "chamber preferred" to offer a menu of benefits that can be selected by employees up to the maximum dollar amount set by the town.
4. **Highway Department Issues** –
 - a. Wildlife Lane – New private road name has been approved by the landowners that use a private road off Trombley Hill Road (the Cookson Subdivision). Motion by RA to approve Wildlife Lane. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
 - b. Coleman Property – A Second highway access cut for 200 Plantation Road was reviewed. Motion by MD to approve the second access but only for field access and not to be used for access to the residence. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
5. **Recreation Committee** – Deanna presented recreation committee information on their current budget and expenses and expressed concern that requiring supplemental insurance to allow alcohol use at the recreation fields would burden the taxpayers since the premium is about

\$8,000 to \$10,000 per year. Ken Harvey stated that the various leagues do not drink more than a couple of beers and the committee has not had any alcohol-related issues during past events. Harvey stated that alcohol use without an insurance rider is allowed in Waterbury, Newport and Barre so those towns do not have the added costs of supplemental insurance. Harvey was concerned that the increased field rental rates to cover additional insurance in Hyde Park would result in a loss of tournaments to those other towns and less revenues to maintain our fields. MD asked what the other towns do about alcohol. Harvey said that Waterbury has a policy but does not enforce it and the other towns do not allow consumption when kids are around and they limit consumption to only during tournaments. The Board will consider this information and discuss at a future date.

6. **Hyde Park STP CULV (26), Bridge 42, VT 15 - Local Concerns (6:45 p.m.)** – Rick Hebert from Ty International, a consultant to VTrans, provided an overview of the project to replace a culvert on Route 15. The project is currently in the first phase or “scoping phase”. The embankments are about 35 feet high with an average daily traffic of 9,100 trips per day. Alternatives for traffic include closure of Route 15 with the use of detours. Detour options: use local streets with trucks using long detours on state highways (lowest project cost); one lane alternating at the site (two construction seasons) and a two-lane temporary (most expensive). Construction is proposed to start in 2013. Dan Landry offered that the state would install signs to establish a detour on state highways but drivers will find alternate routes on their own. If it was likely that traffic would use local streets as a detour, VTrans would provide funding for increased local law enforcement and up to \$7,000 in unrestricted cash as a compensation payment. The state’s objective is to see if the local community would support a shorter project, approximately 2 ½ months, which is the lowest cost. The state was interested in feedback on whether emergency vehicles and school buses could use village streets as part of a detour. Kevin Audet from the Hyde Park Fire Department stated that emergency vehicles do use East Main Street now, but it is not a preferred route. Landry offered that school safety issues could be resolved by requiring the contractor to only use the East Main Street detour when school was not in session over the summer months. BJ expressed his concern that during the roundabout project the state did not come through with promised funds to assist the town in additional traffic enforcement. MD expressed concern for the stream crossing structure under Johnson Street even though that would not be the primary route. Dan Landry stated that truck traffic would be the most significant issue to that structure and trucks would not be detoured through the village streets. Dan will check on law enforcement funding and the load rating of East Main Street and Centerville Road.
7. **Better Back Roads** – Kick off meeting with Weston-Sampson’s Mike Smith. Mike Smith stated that Weston-Sampson would visit with the highway department staff and review 6 prior sites from the 2005 study and look at up to 6 new sites. Smith said that he would be shooting for a final report by the October or November Selectboard meeting. The board talked about the need to upgrade widths for pedestrians and replacing substandard structures and Smith said he would bring those issues into the report.
8. **Locke Ave Road Deeds** – Marvin Locke is preparing a revised survey for the town’s review.
9. **Fire Department Bylaws** – A draft of new officer job descriptions and department bylaws was submitted by Brad Carriere from Hyde Park Fire Department officers. The new draft of bylaws was last accepted by the Selectboard in 2000. Carriere explained that the updated job descriptions for each officer have been included with the requirement to have the Selectboard approve amendments and deleting tasks that seemed to apply to larger departments. The Board asked for more time to review the bylaws and will bring comments back in October. **UST Shed** – Motion by RA to authorize the fire department to spend up to \$1,000 to build a new shed at the fire station. Seconded RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion
10. **Fire Warden Appointment** – Motion by MD to appoint Ryan Nolan as town fire warden. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
11. **Fire Tuck Loan Documents** – North Hyde Park/Eden Rescue Truck – Motion by RA to sign the loan documents. Seconded by MD. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
12. **Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) Representative Report and Appointment** – Richard Bailey was present to review his service to the LCPC since 2000; including Hyde Park projects

related to energy efficiency upgrades, Better Back Roads, Town Plan update. Richard has been monitoring and encouraged progress on the Morrisville Bypass. The current project is on Brownfield's including the reuse of the Arthurs building. Regional Planner Seth Jensen said the LCPC has been working on broadband needs, mapping of forestry resources, forestry management and forest industries, with river mapping and local emergency management training and traffic count services. Richard encouraged the board to send any requests to him or LCPC staff. Motion by MD to appoint Richard Bailey as town representative to LCPC. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

13. **Listers' Errors and Omissions** – Four corrections: Village Improvement Association (2 parcels), Goodwin and Allister. Motion by RA to authorize the listers to update the Grandlist per the list of four parcels submitted. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
14. **PayPal Website Account** – The board discussed a request from the town treasurer to approve the opening of a statement savings account to receive PayPal money payments from businesses wanting to advertising on the town website. The Selectboard previously approved the business directory software and now resident Elise Clancy is reaching out to businesses. Motion by MD to approve \$25 to be used to open a new savings account for PayPal transfers resulting from payments to advertise on the town website. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
15. **Planning Grant MPG 13 Resolutions** – Motion by MD to approve the MPG13 resolution. Seconded by RB. Discussion: Rodjenski explained that the grant would pay for the assistance of the regional planning commission staff to rewrite the zoning and subdivision regulations with the planning commission, ideally working with the Village Trustees at the same time on the update to the Village Zoning Regulations. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
16. **Zoning Update** – Webster Barn and Common Acres; Rodjenski informed the board that it was an on-going zoning matter. BJ stated that he felt the landowner disrespected the agreement with the town that no noise would occur after 11:00 p.m. BJ suggested that the board send a letter to Act 250 stating that the town feels that there should not be an Act 250 amendment to allow similar future events due to the burden on the town. BJ and RR will draft a letter to Act 250 for review and consideration by the Selectboard at the October board meeting.
17. **911 Numbering Ordinance Revision** – The board reviewed and adopted the draft ordinance revisions to include a 4" minimum height for numbers which must be visible to approaching vehicles, not just posted near the front door. Motion by RA approve the revised 2012 Numbering and Naming Ordinance. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
18. **FY2014 Budget Discussion** – The board asked for a preliminary budget at their October meeting and then a schedule to visit with departments and committees on budget issues.
19. **Reports** – The Board received the August 2012 LCSD Police Incident Report; Cash Flow Statement, 'Town Project List' and 'Grants Watch' report. RR will contact LCSD about receiving an update on the HPFD incident and the copy of the investigation report.
20. **Town Orders** – Motion by RA to approve the payroll orders. Seconded by RB. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained (MD – town employee), motion passed. Motion by RA to approve town warrants with one invoice being held in highway. Seconded by MD. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
21. **Adjourn** – Motion by BJ to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Seconded by MD. So voted.