

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 11, 2012**

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**Members Present:** David Gagnier (DG), Chair; Brian Jones (BJ), Vice-Chair; Mike Dubie (MD); Roland Boivin (RB); and Roger Audet (RA)  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Others Present:** Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; John Rohleder; Harold Bailey; Carolyn Jones; Green Mountain Access Television videotaped this meeting.

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

1. **Welcome and Public Comment** – No public comment was received. DG advised that because the fire department bylaws were not on the agenda, the board members should bring their comments on the bylaws to the November Selectboard meeting.
2. **Review Minutes** – Motion by BJ to approve the September 13, 2012, as written. Seconded by MD. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained (DG - absent), motion passed.
3. **Hyde Park Historical Society** – Carolyn Jones stated that the side entrance to the Grange is completed and provided the board with pictures. Jones noted that society membership is very low and they are trying to attract new members. Jones advised that resolving the new alcohol use policy as soon as possible will help the society with scheduling the Grange for use. The society is not asking for funds in FY2014. DG asked about parking for the Grange and wondered if the town could research grant opportunities to buy the property next door, the old hotel, which has been for sale for quite some time. Rodjenski will research grants and possible public uses for the old hotel property.
4. **New Facility Use Policy** – The Board agreed to modify the current draft of the policy to continue the prohibition of alcohol on town properties but allow alcohol with catered events. Rodjenski will meet with Recreation Committee to discuss how members react if alcohol use is observed against town policy. Rodjenski will prepare a new draft for the November meeting.
5. **Highway Department Issues and Updates** - Locke Ave Acceptance – The town’s attorney, Jeffrey Kilgore, is reviewing the new survey and covenants. Motion by BJ to authorize DG to accept the survey and deeds on behalf of the Board after town attorney approval. Seconded by RB. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Draft Road Acceptance Policy – The members will review and bring any comments to the November board meeting.
6. **Town Listers** – Grandlist errors and omissions request was reviewed. Motion by BJ to approve the two corrections in the Grandlist related to Armell and Fire District 1. Seconded by RB. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
7. **2012 Town Report Printing** - Deferred review of bids until November.
8. **Hannaford Charge Card for Recreation Committee & Town** - Motion by RA to approve the Hannaford Charge Card for food supplies. Seconded by MD. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
9. **VLCT Proposal** – Change broker of record from Digital Benefits to VLCT/Hickok-Boardman. Rodjenski stated that the town was previously with VLCT and towns’ in general considered cost when choosing brokers, but recently, premiums paid have been leveled for all brokers, so customer service was now the primary driver on choosing a broker. BJ felt that the services provided to employees was close between Digital Benefits and VLCT but he felt that VLCT would work more closely with employees on a one-to-one basis. Motion by RA to sign the broker letter

and switch to VLCT / Hickok-Boardman from Digital Benefits. Seconded by RB. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstained (DG was absent from prior board discussions and MD abstained as he is a town employee), motion passed.

10. **Common Acres Campground** – Eugene Leon has requested a waiver of the \$100 zoning appeal fee. Rodjenski noted that there are two appeals pending before the DRB. Motion by MD to deny the request to waive the zoning fees. Seconded by RB. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
11. **Zoning Update** – Common Acres, Letter to Act 250. Motion by MD to approve the Act 250 letter and send to all parties. Seconded by RA. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
12. **Enpro UST Tank Closure Invoice** – The Board discussed deducting a portion of the invoice amount as a credit for work not completed. Motion by BJ to accept the \$360 offered by Enpro for work not completed on the new tank shed and adding an additional deduction in the amount of \$1,140 for not completing the proposed 10' X 10' concrete slab under the shed. Enpro shall have until November 7, 2012 to remove the shed they partially constructed, at their cost, or the town will retain ownership of the partially completed shed after that date and destroy or otherwise remove the shed at the town's cost. A letter explaining the deductions will be sent to Enpro with a check for the net amount. Seconded by RB. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
13. **FY2014 Budget Discussion** – The board reviewed a preliminary budget for FY2014 which is close to a 0% increase compared to FY2013. Rodjenski estimated that the Grandlist growth and other revenues would be the same or reducing, thus the expense budget would need to be close to zero to not have an increase in property taxes next July. The Board would like to work with the town of Morristown in 2013 to repave the entire length of Garfield Road from Route 15 (1.50 miles in Morristown) to the pavement end in Hyde Park (1.80 miles). DG will meet with Morristown to inquire about their interest in joining in one bid process.
14. **Reports** – The Board received the September 2012 LCSD Police Incident Report. Rodjenski informed the board that the final two LCSD budget committee meetings on November 1 and November 15 are for the full Selectboards from Johnson, Hyde Park and Wolcott. After these two meetings, the towns will have information on police services which they will use in the development of their own municipal budgets. Rodjenski updated the board on recent changes to the town's Grants Watch report.
15. **Purchase Order** – Town Parking Lot #007 reviewed by Selectboard. No action taken.
16. **Town Orders** – Motion by BJ to approve the payroll orders. Seconded by RB. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained (MD – town employee), motion passed. Motion by RA to approve town warrants with one invoice being modified for Enpro with a \$1,500 deduction. Seconded by MD. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
17. **Other Business** – The Hyde Park and Wolcott loan to Ken Harvey for **Sterling View Mobile Home Park** was discussed. Ken is requesting that the towns abate the interest amount which was not charged properly since 1999. Ken agreed to take the balance owed at the end of this calendar year, after the abatement, and begin a new 10-year loan at 3%, starting January 1, 2013, but with a maximum monthly payment of \$1,000 per month. DG and Rodjenski are potentially meeting with Wolcott Selectboard next Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the refinancing of the loan. DG asked about the **Hydro-Seeder** that was recently used to reseed the town office hill behind the parking lot. MD said that he checked into it with the Soil Conservation Service and found that the town did not buy in to the original acquisition but could buy in now for \$500. MD stated that the town did pay the 2012 annual use fee of \$167. The Board felt that this equipment was beneficial to the town and that the \$500 should also be paid.
18. **Adjourn** – Motion by BJ to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by MD. So voted.