

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2013**

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Members Present: David Gagnier (DG), Chair; Brian Jones (BJ), Vice-Chair; Pete Couture (PC); Roland Boivin (RB); and Roger Audet (RA)
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Barbara Potter; Deanna Judkins; Green Mountain Access Television videotaped this meeting.

DG called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. **Welcome and Public Comment** – Barbara Potter explained that she is having stormwater problems on Depot St, noting that a survey has been done on her property. Barbara stated that over the years the school and town have increased the stormwater runoff on her property and she would like the erosion on her property stopped. The proposed sidewalk will help divert stormwater and the use of her property is no longer allowed for snow removal. Rodjenski will meet with Barbara on Monday to review the specifics of her concern.
2. **Review minutes** – March 14, 2013 and April 11, 2013. Motion by to approve the March 14, 2013 and April 11, 2013 as written. Seconded by RA. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. **Diggins Road Class 4 Work** – George Fearing asked for approval to improve the class 4 portion. The Board will visit the site and report back at the next meeting.
4. **Access Permit - McFarlane Road** – Motion by RB to approve the highway right-of-way permit for McFarlane water line replacement. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
5. **Access Permit – Collins Pond Road** – Motion by RB to approve the highway right-of-way permit for Grimes, pending approval of the road commissioner. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
6. **Johnson St Extension Stormwater Issue** – RB reported that the Bent parcel has a significant bank and the bank is partially owned by a neighbor. RB will visit again with both landowners and check in with the road commissioner on the amount of work needed.
7. **Line Striping Equipment Purchase** – DG reported that a demo is planned for next Tuesday.
8. **Mowing Bids** – Motion by DG to reject both submitted bids as Roberts bid was unclear as to week or monthly and to reject Judkins because he missed the mandatory meeting. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. For this year, the recreation fields committee will continue with Brock Judkins mowing the recreation fields and the town will continue with Robert and Sons Lawn Care for the town office and fire station. The town may ask for clarification or re-bid at a later date.
9. **Approve Purchase Order #0013** – Motion by RA to approve amendment to PO # 0012 to a new total of \$85,000 for the town share and \$170,000 for the total purchase. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
10. **Tax Stabilization Policy** – Motion by PC to approve the policy. Seconded by RA. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

11. **Hick Jam 2012** – Eugene Leon was present to review the zoning enforcement issues and advised the board that the event had a lot of community support and was a success. Leon stated that the campground is in bankruptcy, squatters have been recently removed, electric liens and other liens exist. Eugene asked for the board to realize the situation he is in and although the town issues are important to the board, he would like to move on to his other matters. The board reminded Eugene that there was noise and it was a hardship on the town, with legal bills being at about \$3,500 currently. Motion by BJ to move into executive session with the town attorney Diane Sherman. Seconded by RA. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. DG offered that the town would like to move forward if Eugene would put into writing that no festivals/music gatherings will be held, that no permit limits are exceeded for town zoning and Act 250 with permit amendments for any minor events. Eugene asked about small day events, recreation fields softball participants have had music at the campground, and school functions, etc. including car shows. Diane asked if Eugene would review events with the zoning administrator and Eugene offered that not all events are under his control. DG advised that if permits are not complied with strictly the Selectboard would put more energy into enforcement. Diane Sherman will draft an agreement for Eugene's review and file the agreement and complaint at the same time to end the matter. Eugene stated that enforcement like this will force businesses out of Hyde Park. Motion by RA to authorize the town attorney to draft a letter to Eugene with the terms for a settlement. Seconded by PC. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
12. **2014 Health Care Changes** – Rodjenski reviewed a May 9, 2013 memo and the handouts provided by VLCT at yesterday's staff meeting on the health care law. The Board will review the information and try to discuss with employees individually before the next meeting.
13. **Sterling View** – Meeting with Wolcott is planned in June to finalize a proposal with Mr. Harvey.
14. **Drug and Alcohol Testing** – RB suggested that all employees be tested randomly for alcohol and drug testing with the costs of \$60 to \$100 per person. Rodjenski will review 21 VSA 513 for town authority to asking current employees to be subject to drug and alcohol testing, as it appears the only way to ask an employee to submit to a test is if they have a CDL for truck operation, pre-employment conditions or if there is probable cause.
15. **Town Orders** – Motion by RB to approve town warrants and payroll. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
16. **Other Business** – Reschedule Selectboard's monthly June 13 meeting to June 24 was approved. Fire officers are asking for a small amount of gravel and topsoil at the fire station which the Board found acceptable and RB will contact Ken Alexander to schedule with the fire fighters. DG read a letter from Jim Grant complimenting Ron Rodjenski on his performance during the recent Hick Jam and Webster Barn zoning matters. The Board agreed that the Depot Street sidewalk project could access the town sidewalk reserve fund for expenses or cash match and the Village could work with the road commissioner to schedule 3 or 4 days of highway crew and equipment in-kind as local match.
17. **Adjourn** – Motion by RA to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by RB. So voted.