

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2013**

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Members Present: Brian Jones (BJ), Vice-Chair; Roland Boivin (RB); and Roger Audet (RA)
Members Absent: David Gagnier (DG), Chair; Pete Couture (PC)
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Paul Lawson, ST Paving; Hyde Park Road Foreman Mike Dubie; Amy Olsen, Lanpher Library Director; Ruth Hay; Library Trustees Emily Dearborn, Fran Aronovici and Ken Greiersbach; Green Mountain Access Television videotaped this meeting.

BJ called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

1. **Welcome and Public Comment** – No public comment.
2. **Minutes** – Motion by RB to approve the September 12, 2013 as written. Seconded by RA. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. **FY2014 Paving Work** – The delay in paving until Spring was discussed (Ferry St and Heath Road) – Paul Lawson from ST Paving said he could get to town for one day to lay a 1” overlay. Paul Lawson thought his crew could be here by October 25th or 30th, if good weather holds. Road Foreman Mike Dubie offered a patch on cuts by the town crew and the patch would get them through the winter and then the project should be re-bid. Mike Dubie estimated \$4,000-\$5,000 to have the town crew to patch now. Paul Lawson stated that he would hold the price for the first \$2.00 in order to keep the work. Motion by RB to have the town highway crew complete culvert road cut repairs now at town cost and then re-bid the FY14 paving in early 2014. Seconded by RA. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
4. **FY2015 Budget Discussion; Lanpher Memorial Library** – Amy Olsen presented an overview of the library services and history of the building and programs; including being a Wi-Fi spot, presenting wildlife events and Skype events, and having a Facebook page. The library has also been a recipient of a number of grants to help with supplies and programs. The Trustees regularly review library policies and encourage improvements to programs and services. Emily Dearborn presented the proposed FY2015 budget which brings salaries in line with other libraries. Emily noted that the Trustees are working on energy upgrades through their own endowments; i.e. new insulation and storm windows. Ken Greiersbach advised that the increased funding for FY15 is modest, even though the percentage appears high. The Trustees expressed their strong support for the excellent service Amy provides to the community.
5. **FY2015 Budget Discussion** – The Board set a goal of a tax rate increase of 2% or less. RA will set up a fire department meeting with Eden and fire budgets will be ready for the December Selectboard meeting.
6. **LCSD Telecommunications Antenna Approval Process** – Ken Harvey Parcel, Route 100. The Board will wait to discuss whether the town should send comments to the Public Service Board when DG is present.

Public Comment - LCSD: Two residents from Tenney Hill Road, Marquis Houle and Ashley Love, advised the Selectboard the Sheriff’s Dept has not been providing good service to them regarding trespass and theft issues. The resident said he received a verbal threat from one of his neighbors in front of a LCSD deputy, but the deputy said they would not do anything about it. The resident claimed that burglars in Hyde Park are being treated as informants by LCSD, including being paid by LCSD to provide information on stolen items that they originally stole. Houle also claimed that LCSD is not charging known criminals. The resident claimed that there is no investigation going on and call

backs are taking too long; even though the LCSD just hired a new detective to provide improved service in this area. The Board appreciated the comments and will follow up with the Sheriff.

7. **Depot Street Culvert Replacement** – Motion by RA to award the Depot Street culvert replacement to HA Manosh for \$8,535.00. Seconded by RB. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
8. **High Risk Rural Roads, Ferry St** – Motion by RA to approve the 2013 HRRR signage and safety improvements which will be completed by the State Agency of Transportation at no cost to the town. Seconded by RB. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
9. **Donation of Melissa Gamble parcel on VT 100** – The deed to the property was filed 09/23/2013 and there are three FY14 property tax payments remaining. Motion by RB to authorize RA to attend an abatement meeting to seek abatement as the property is now a tax exempt parcel. Seconded by RA. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
10. **Personnel Policy & Disability Insurance** – The Board deferred discussion on the policy and insurance until all five members can be present. RB felt the town should offer something for disability insurance.
11. **Annual Employee Appreciation** – Motion by RB to offer employees a choice of an embroidered vest or cash. Seconded by RA. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
12. **Returning Maintenance of North Hyde Park Grange to Selectboard.** The Historical Society is asking the town to take over Grange maintenance. The Society completed a number of important maintenance projects over the years but they feel their group is too small to continue building maintenance and will instead focus on continuing or expanding their annual programs. The Board was agreeable to looking into it and Rodjenski will ask for maintenance records or contractor names that have helped during the previous repairs.
13. **Tax Stabilization** – Motion by RA to appoint DG, Charlie Aronovici and Greg Paus to the Economic Development Board; phasing in the 3 year terms. Seconded by RB. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
14. **LCSD Annual Contract** – Rodjenski reported that the Sheriff is agreeable to the requirement to modify the monthly LCSD report to include community service requests from the Selectboard with the requests forwarded to him through the Town Administrator. The Sheriff is continuing to review the final language with the Town of Johnson regarding the costs associated with ceasing animals. The board will wait for Johnson and LCSD to finalize the language. Rodjenski advised that a final contract will hopefully be presented to the town in November.
15. **Monthly LCSD Police Incident Report**; not yet received.
16. Reviewed 'Town Project List' ; Task List and 'Grants Watch' report
17. **Review Town Orders** – Motion by RB to approve the warrants for September. Seconded by RA. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
18. **Other Business**
 - a. **VTrans Transportation Alternatives 50% Grant** – Motion by RA to authorize Rodjenski as the town agent on this grant and to process necessary paperwork through project completion. Seconded by RB. Discussion: North Hyde Park streetscape and stormwater study to be matched with sidewalk reserve funds. The study area is from the proposed National Guard facility then south to Route 100C, including Ferry St. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
 - b. **Farm View Road** – Motion by RB to approve Farm View Road off Route 100 for James and Monica Wood. Seconded by RA. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
 - c. **Seasonal Highway Employee** – Motion by RB to approve the memo to Dawn Slayton setting the terms of hire for Mark French at \$15.09 per hour as an on-call seasonal employee with 56 hours of holiday leave. Seconded by RA. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

- d. **Puckerbrush West** – Rodjenski reported that the preliminary survey of the town road is complete and shows that the town travel lane and at least one culvert are partially outside the deeded strip of land for the road. The Board advised Rodjenski to contact the adjoining landowners and see if they are agreeable to granting an easement; otherwise the town will need to relocate the road and culvert inside the deeded 50-foot strip of land.
- e. **Highway Grading** – Recent foggy conditions on Garfield Road prevented clear sight of the town grader for approaching vehicles. BJ will speak with the highway crew about delaying grading until fog is lifted.

19. **Adjourn** – Motion by RA to adjourn. Seconded by RB. So voted at 8:12 p.m.