

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 12, 2013**

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**Members Present:** David Gagnier (DG), Chair (appeared at 7:05 p.m.); Brian Jones (BJ), Vice-Chair; Roger Audet (RA) and Roland Boivin (RB)

**Members Absent:** Pete Couture (PC)

**Others Present:** Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Scott Griswold and Mike Paradis from NEMS; North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Department Chief Eric Aither; Mike Dubie, Hyde Park Highway Department; Green Mountain Access Television videotaped this meeting.

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

1. Welcome and Public Comment – Jeff Beattie asked if the Selectboard would amend the current service agency policy to allow a waiver of petition for a new agency that is seeking the same or less funding for an existing, previously approved community program. Jeff stated that the mentoring program is now operating in Hyde Park and serves Hyde Park youth but the agency receiving the tax dollars may change in the near future. Jeff suggested adding “unless waived by the Selectboard” at the end of the first paragraph of the current policy. Jeff noted that Lamoille Valley Mentoring Partnership is dissolving but another local group may take over the same program which discussed and approved at last year’s town meeting. Jeff is hoping that since the program is the same, that the Selectboard would approve presenting continued funding to town voters at the same level or less but without the need for a petition simply due to an agency change. Jeff thought that a waiver provision would benefit local groups and programs when an approved program goes under a new or modified agency. Motion by RB to amend the policy to allow a Selectboard waiver from the petition requirement with a new draft to be acted on in January. Seconded by RA. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
2. Minutes – Motion by RB to approve the November 14, 2013 minutes with one change to Item #7’s motion - replace RA with PC. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. Potential Town Health Officer Order – Duplex at 701 Tenney Hill Road – The Board deferred discussion until later in the meeting so that DG may participate.
4. FY2015 NEMS Ambulance Service Budget – Mike Paradis and Scott Griswold reviewed the ambulance budget noting that the \$8,000 increase from last year was retained in FY2015 to be set aside in a reserve account for emergency repairs and unplanned equipment purchases. A bulk of the increase is going to payroll and health care expenses. The requested FY2015 appropriation is \$68,683.12 which is about 3% higher than FY14. Call volume is about the same per year with approximately 210 calls for service in Hyde Park. The cost share percentage is based on the population of the five towns and according to Scott, the split is about the same whether population or call volume is used. The Board will review a complete town budget on January 9.
5. FY2015 Highway Department Budget and Discuss Sidewalk Reserve 5-year Plan – Mike Dubie was present to review a proposed 4% increase to the highway budget which includes a proposal to start a 3-year cycle for three line items (gravel crushing, culvert bulk purchasing and small road projects). Each item would be funded once every three years with \$30,000. RB stated that salt and chloride expenses are likely to increase in the coming years due to market factors and new dust control rules possibly coming from the state with a goal for towns to apply 1,000 gallons per mile on dirt roads in the summer to reduce runoff into streams and lakes.
6. FY2015 North Hyde /Eden Fire Department Budget – RA submitted the FY2015 appropriation request of \$27,200, plus \$700 for disability insurance, as Hyde Park’s 50% share. Chief Aither

reported that Eden has a town-wide emergency reserve fund. The Board asked that RR bring a draft of a Hyde Park fire reserve Town Meeting article for the Board's review in January. The reserve could be set up for both fire departments.

7. Personnel Policy and Employee Disability Insurance – The Board asked for a clean final draft of the new Personnel Policy for possible adoption at the January Selectboard meeting. The Board also asked for three bids on Short Term and Long Term Disability insurance for employees regularly working a certain number of hours per week.
8. Municipal Planning Grant 2014 – RR reported that the \$15,000 joint grant with Eden and Hyde Park Village was awarded with work on the capital planning and inventory continuing through 2014.
9. Annual Town Employee Appreciation – The Board reviewed a proposed pro-rating method to be used for the town employee's annual recognition. Motion by RA to approve the memo on appreciation which is based on \$100 one-time cash payment for full-time employees. Seconded by RB. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

*(Dave Gagnier appeared at this point.)*

10. Flower and Memorial Guidelines – Motion by RA to approve the Flowers and Memorial Guidelines. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
11. Tricomi Duplex – RR updated the Board on the recent activity at 701 Tenney Hill Road. Christina Tricomi spoke with DG today and told DG that the water could be turned on if the Selectboard wanted it to be turned on. The Board will wait to hear back on the State Fire Marshall's inspection which is scheduled for tomorrow morning and DG will advise Tricomi to turn the water on.
12. Foreign Trade Zone Designation – Motion by RA to authorize DG to sign the letter of support for the FTZ to expand to include Lamoille county. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
13. Town Orders – Motion by DG to approve the town orders. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. RB agreed to review with the Fire Chief three fire department invoices from Chiefs Truck Maintenance, LLC and report back at the next meeting on why this business was used instead of a local business.
14. Other Business – BJ wanted a stern letter sent to Larry Demar that he is not to use the former Gamble property. RR will draft a letter for DG to sign. RA asked if the town highway garage lot could be used for temporary storage of a few cars. The cars will be used in September 2014 for a fire department training session and then removed from the property. The Board thought that it was acceptable as long as the cars are removed immediately after the September training.
15. **Adjourn** – Motion by RA to adjourn. Seconded by RB. So voted at 7:42 p.m.