

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2014**

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Members Present: David Gagnier (DG), Chair; Brian Jones (BJ), Vice-Chair; Roger Audet (RA) and Roland Boivin (RB)

Members Absent: Pete Couture (PC)

Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Emily Dearborn, Chair of the Library Trustees appeared with the following Library Trustees; Ken Geiersbach; Jim Noyes; Fran Aronovici; Julie Rohleder; Sigh Searles; Green Mountain Access Television videotaped this meeting.

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

1. Welcome and Public Comment – No public comment.
2. Minutes – Motion by BJ to approve the January 9, 2014 and January 29, 2014 minutes as written. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. Joint meeting with Lanpher Memorial Library Trustees – FY2015 Library Budget – DG advised that this joint meeting was called to discuss FY2015 health care benefit costs. Nine current town employees will be eligible to take town health care benefits on July 1. DG noted that the annual health care costs per employee are up to \$20,000 per year and if the 32-hour library director position was reduced to 29.5 hours, then the town would not be required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to offer health coverage. As this was just a general discussion, the boards discussed various implications of the ACA. RR noted that the current plan will be renewed on July 1 and then again on January 1, 2015, resulting in two open enrollment periods for employees in the next 10 months, making it difficult to budget accurately. The Board will notify employees prior to each open enrollment period about the specific terms of the town's benefit and any required employee contribution. DG offered that if hours are reduced, then the town could make up the lost wages by increasing the hourly wage. For a position going from 32 to 29.5 hours, DG estimated the base wage would need to increase by \$3,000. No one can know what the costs might be, what the four uncovered but eligible employees would do, or if the ACA terms would change before the two upcoming open enrollment periods. All agreed that having firm health care cost for FY2015 was not possible. The Trustees left at this point and advised that they will discuss this topic at their future meetings.
4. 2014 Town Meeting Day – Review Warning. The Board reviewed each article to prepare for the Town Meeting Day presentation.
5. Annual Certificate of Highway Mileage – 1/100th of mile of Class 2 added. Motion by RA to sign the 2014 Annual Highway Mileage Certificate. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. The Board discussed the costs of paving of town roads as presented in a draft 14-year paving cycle and whether to bid now on Ferry Street or include all 2014 paving projects. BJ will work with RR and the highway department to get a bid out with three alternatives: Ferry St alone, all other roads planned in 2014, and then one bid for all roads under one contract. RR was also asked to bring information on forming a roads study committee to make recommendations to the Selectboard on ways to reduce maintenance costs; such as discontinuing or reclassifying roads, turning certain roads to gravel or ending winter maintenance on some roads.

6. Monthly reports. The Board reviewed grants, tasks and LCSD monthly reports.
7. Listers Certificate of No Appeal – Motion by BJ to sign the certificate presented by the town listers. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
8. Purchase Order Amendment – Motion by RB to amend P.O. 0017 for plow cutting edges from \$7,000 to \$10,000. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
9. Town Orders – Motion by DG to approve the town orders. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. RB reported that he met with Chief Webster and discussed the fire department invoices for truck repair. RB found that the invoices were for on-site truck repair which saves money by not needing to deliver a truck for repairs. The Board agreed that this was a good service to maintain.
10. Other Business – BJ reported that he has some single-axle dump truck bids but he is waiting for one more and he hopes to have a recommendation in March. The Village asked if the Town would support the **chair-art-able project** for \$100 to provide one Adirondack chair to a local artist to paint then auction off during a joint event with the Town of Morristown. Motion by BJ to sponsor one chair. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. RB suggested that the 2014 High Risk Rural Roads grant be submitted for Centerville Road and RR will send that request to LCPC. RA asked if it was OK to hold a vehicle extraction training class at the town garage with about 20 firefighters with their own insurance. Motion by BJ to approve the use of the town garage yard for the 2014 Franklin-Lamoille Fire School event with a certificate of insurance provided to the Town Clerk before the day of the event. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
11. Adjourn – Motion by RA to adjourn. Seconded by RB. So voted at 7:35 p.m.