

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 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; Sandy Ladd from Charlebois; Jim Boucher from J&B International; Dan St. Cyr from Clark's Truck Center; 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.
2. Minutes – Motion by BJ to approve the February 13, 2014 minutes, as written. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. 2014 Highway Plow Truck - Three vendors were present to discuss the truck bids to replace the 2003 Plow Truck operated by Kenny Alexander. J&B is ready to serve seven days a week and a price list was provided. Standard warranty is 1 year on the truck with 2 years on engine with some parts longer than 2 years. J&B is offering extended warranties for 60 months at a cost ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,000 depending on mileage. J&B has a loaner one-ton plow for emergencies. Sandy Ladd reviewed the history of R.R. Charlebois and their Freightliner truck offerings from their new facility in Milton, VT. They use aluminum cabs and Sandy provided a list of municipalities using the 114SD chassis. Charlebois basic warranty is 2 years unlimited mileage and 5 year cab structure and frames. Wearable items are 6 months to 1 year with variable extended warranties of 60 months 200,000 around \$4,500. For \$3,650, Charlebois provides a Cummins engine extended warranty of 60 months with towing an additional \$835, some high cost warranties go up to 94 months. DG noted that the last Freightliner Hyde Park bought had significant wiring trouble and, even though covered by warranty, it still costs man hours to bring the truck to Milton for repair. Sandy will provide something in writing to verify how Charlebois will assist with the town's travel costs to the Milton facility. Dan St. Cyr from Clark's Truck Center has a warranty proposal at 60 months, 150,000 miles and 3,000 hours. The extended warranty for the chassis is \$4,800 and \$2,900 for extended electronics. Clarks submitted four engine quotes for an engine with 365 hp or 410 hp and either automatic or standard transmission.
4. 2014 Selectboard Organizational Meeting – Motion by BJ to make the following annual appointments and decisions:

Chair of Selectboard – David G; Vice-Chair – Brian J; Clerk – Ron R; Regular Monthly Board Meeting starts at 6:00 P.M. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday; the official newspaper is "News and Citizen" for public hearing and other notices; Selectboard Liaisons as follows:

- Highway Department and Schools BRIAN
- Fire Department, NEMS, FAST Squad ROLAND
- Library, Recreation, GRR State Park, Community and Cemeteries PETE
- Lamoille County Sheriff and Police Advisory ROGER

- Town Admin., Town Clerk/Treasurer, Village Trustees, Town Atty., Listers, Audit DAVID

DRB members – Reappoint Melvin Harvey and Tom Wawrzeniak to 4-year terms, ending 2018;

Community Circle – reappoint Judy Clark to 3-year term, ending 2017;

Other Annual Appointments:

- a. Fence Viewers – Selectboard
- b. Inspector of lumber & weigher of coal – Selectboard
- c. Animal Control Officers – Brian, Bill and Heather Murphy
- d. Town Tree Warden – Jared Nunery
- e. Road Commissioner – Ken Alexander
- f. Town Service Officer – Ron Rodjenski
- g. E911 Coordinator – Ron Rodjenski
- h. Emergency Management Director – Brad Carriere
- i. Deputy EMD – John Savage
- j. Emergency Management coordinator – Ed Webster
- k. First Constable – Andy Plante
- l. Second Constable – Chris Jones

Seconded by RA. Discussion: The Board acknowledged Heather Murphy's interest in town constable, but felt that having full-time certified police officers is desirable and Heather is not certified at this time. Liaisons are the same as last year. DG offered the Chair role to each member and everyone refused and advised Dave to keep up the good work! Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

Pending appointments will be completed at the April meeting including the planning commission. Per the 2012 Town Volunteer Policy, candidate interviews are required for the PC with 3 candidates and 2 openings. The town's LCPC commissioner position will be open in June with Richard Bailey's pending resignation. Letters of interest were not received for the recreation committee nor the town representative to Green Mountain Access Television. It was noted that the Town Health Officer, Brian Murphy, was appointed in July 2013 and he has a three-year term ending July 2016.

5. Liquor License – VFW POST 7779 – Motion by BJ to approve the VFW liquor license. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
6. Purchase Order – Amend #0022 – The Depot Street Culvert PO needs to be increased to cover engineering costs for the project's design. Motion by RA to approve the amendment to purchase order #0022 from \$8,535 to \$10,294.88. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
7. Purchase Order – Approve #0023 – Plow Truck Emergency Repair. Motion by RA to approve purchase order #0023 for Fleet Truck and Trailer in the amount of \$6,294.07. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
8. Purchase Order – Amend #0016 – An increase in the original Po amount to \$90,000 for winter salt. The unbudgeted \$10,000 will need to come out of the General Fund Balance. Motion by RA to approve the amendment to purchase order #0016 for Cargill Salt to increase the amount from \$80,000 to \$90,000. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
9. Roads Committee – The Selectboard reviewed a draft mission statement for the new committee and would like to see it amended to limit membership to five and with no voting, but to do research and make recommendations to the Selectboard. The Board reviewed the possible members and agreed to the following: One Selectboard (Brian

Jones), One Planning Commissioner (Greg Paus), One Road Crew member (Mike Dubie), Two Taxpayers (Jim Heath and Troy Hayford). The plan is for monthly committee meetings which will be public so interested community members may attend.

10. ISO Fire Insurance Rating – The Board reviewed the ISO report dated February 24, 2014. The Selectboard discussed the potential difficulty with fire fighting in the Village and recognized high cost to improve the ISO rating. A higher ISO rating would lower property owners' fire insurance rates. The Board would like to pursue a dry hydrant grant for installation of a hydrant on the east side of the village using the Centerville Brook.
11. Monthly reports. The Board reviewed the LCSD monthly report.
12. Town Orders – Motion by DG to approve the town orders. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
13. Other Business –
  - a. Paving Bids 2014 – Ron to meet with the highway crew to review a proposed bid process which will use a town 'bid form' to be used to simplify selection of a contractor. The Selectboard asked that Rodjenski review the December 2013 legislative summer committee report on state facility access road maintenance costs. In particular, the report states that Green River Reservoir State Park only contributes 4% of the total traffic and the board feels it is higher. Rodjenski noted that the formula for PILOT payment contributions to Garfield Road may also be inaccurate. Rodjenski will review the report in detail and discuss with the Selectboard at a later time.
  - b. Vermont Army National Guard – The State is pursuing a Statement of Insignificant Impact to move closer to construction of the Field Maintenance Shop in North Hyde Park and asking the town for comment. Rodjenski suggested that the town use our existing zoning regulations to develop comments, similar to the review of telecommunication towers. Comments would most likely focus on exterior lighting and noise because the facility is proposed in a residential zoning district. Construction is not planned until late 2015. Motion by RB to authorize DG to send the comment letter by the deadline of March 28, 2014. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
  - c. Courthouse Project – A new boundary survey was recently provided to the DRB which shows one of the courthouse's proposed additions extending inside the Commonwealth Ave road right-of-way. The DRB is reviewing now and the Board will wait to see what that process results in.
  - d. 2014 Truck Bid – BJ continued the discussion on truck bids and Rodjenski provided a Draft PO #0024 which will need to include the bid amount plus door lettering and warranty costs. BJ agreed to make a list of all the specific items the town is looking for in a new truck, such as an automatic 400+hp engine and a 60-month warranty, and get new bids for the board review in April.
  - e. High Risk Rural Roads Program (HRRR) – The State is proposing to study existing road conditions on Centerville Road, from NHP Road to Orchard Farm, and then install signs at no cost to the town. Motion by BJ to accept the 2014 HRRR grant work, at no cost to the town, and authorize DG to sign the acceptance. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

- f. Road Commissioner's Summer Work Plan – The Board received Ken Alexander's 2014 summer work plan and will review it. If board members have any questions, they will talk to Ken directly. RB noted that it looked like a good plan for this year, but cautioned it was only a plan, dependent on weather and other factors that could limit the amount of work completed.
- g. Main Street Pedestrian – RA noted that the school board has concerns for the safety of pedestrians along Main Street with cars not slowing down as they leave the Village. RA explained that the pedestrian signs in the center of the road have been up, but only in the summer. Rodjenski offered that a four-way stop intersection with Eden St could slow the cars but Depot St needed to be raised and straightened. The Board felt that the Roads Committee could look into the school's concern in more detail.
- h. Route 15 Bridge Project Contractor – DG reported that he spoke with Artie St. Onge, the contractor selected for this summer's bridge project. Mr. St. Onge reported that the state has approved a bypass as an acceptable alternative, using East Main Street instead of constructing a temporary bridge. St. Onge told DG that since removing the temporary bridge would save him that cost, as well as reducing the project from 2 years to one year, he would be willing to consider some compensation to the residents along the bypass route as well as paving the detour route when the new bridge is completed. DG stated that St. Onge would also consider a donation to the town and village for recreation paths, or similar projects. The intersection of Centerville Road and East Main Street would need to be improved and East Main Street might be closed near the school so the Route 15 traffic would not go to Main Street. The Board asked Rodjenski to invite the landowners along the possible detour route and the Village Trustees to the next Selectboard meeting to review this option.
- i. Diane Marcoux-LeClair – Diane submitted a letter to the Selectboard thanking the Town for her dedication in the 2014 Town Report and thanked everyone for what they do for the town.
- j. School Board Concern – Raven Walters called DG about concerns for the town moderator's performance at this year's town meeting, asking if the town should consider finding someone new to fill this difficult position. The Board agreed to talk about this again later in the year.

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