

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 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; Debbie Slayton; Mark Lehouillier; Ryan Nolan; Dawn Slayton; Monita Neill; Deanna Judkins; Jim Pease; Frank Pastor; Evan Hughes; Roy Marble; Elizabeth Monteith; Evan Hughes; Four VTANG FMS Representatives: See sign in list for additional names; Green Mountain Access Television videotaped this meeting.

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

1. Welcome and Public Comment – Elizabeth Monteith was present to express concern for the banning of firearms on the Recreation Fields property adopted by the Town in 2009 and she is against the ban. Evan Hughes noted that 24 VSA 2295 commonly referred to as the Hunters' Bill of Rights allows firearms to be on public property while 25 VSA 2291(8) authorizes the control of the discharge of firearms. Deanna Judkins asked if the school could have firearms, and Mr. Hughes explained that 13 VSA 4403 and 4404 prohibits knowingly bringing firearms onto school properties. Elizabeth Monteith stated that she believes everyone should have the constitutional right to have firearms on town property, including the recreation fields. The Board will review the policy with town counsel and report back at their next meeting in June. Elizabeth stated that she felt there were additional operational issues at the recreation fields, including a US Flag on display without night lighting. Elizabeth stated that Hyde Park is the only town without a little league team. Deanna Judkins advised that there is a regulation baseball diamond at the fields. Elizabeth asked that the little league be provided a complying field and Deanna said there has been no request for a dedicated Little League field, but minor baseball league does play at the fields. DG referred Elizabeth to a future Recreation Committee meeting. Debbie Slayton stated that the Committee would address the flag concern.
2. Minutes –Motion by BJ to accept the minutes of March 13, April 10 and April 30, 2014, as written. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. Stormwater Issue on Centerville Road – Frank Pastor, on behalf of Gail Garbutt, was present to review the proposed option to relocate stormwater away from the septic system on the Garbutt parcel. Roland and Brian will set up a site visit before the next board meeting.
4. Jim Pease – VT Ecosystem Restoration Program – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Jim Pease was present to discuss the proposal to join the municipal collaborative and purchase of a trailer-mounted Vactor to replace the current practice of contracting out the cleaning of storm sewers to Hartigan. Jim explained that grant funds were sufficient for a trailer-mount not a larger wheeled unit, however, the vacuum power was equal to the Hartigan unit. Jim noted that the storage capacity of 6 cubic yards was less compared to Hartigan's unit which can store 15 cubic yards before needing to be emptied. DG expressed concern for the labor costs due to the smaller capacity and the anticipated high maintenance costs of this type of equipment. Stockpiling the waste material on town property is the best option for the town, compared to bringing the material to a landfill, no matter which unit is utilized. The MOU is re-negotiated every two years to make sure the rates are accurate. A one-time contribution of \$3,869 per each of 5 towns on this \$180,000 piece of equipment is needed with an anticipated life, based on the planned usage and good maintenance, is about 10 years with a total of 30 days per year of operation expected. Jim cautioned that Lake Champlain initiatives are likely to require higher town maintenance of catch basins, culverts, etc. and these types of units will be needed in each

town. The highway crew members present were also concerned about the time and maintenance of the machine and would feel better if they had a chance to demo the unit or hear back from the other towns once the machine is in operation for a while. The Board deferred action on the MOU until a later time as they could not make a decision at this time.

5. Courthouse Project — David Williams was present to review his petition on behalf of the County Court to reclassify a portion of TH#68 – Commonwealth Avenue. The Court will also need to seek approval for the court improvements, including paving within the existing right-of-way, under the 19 VSA 1111 Permit. Tricia Harper stated that the court will lower the stormwater detention system and insulate it, based on earlier concerns that frost would be deeper in this area since the system is proposed under a plowed road. The Board mentioned the concrete ditch along the Larson's barn and the Court said they are willing to continue to talk to the Larson's if they have additional concerns. The Board reviewed a site plan which had yellow highlighting showing the extent of the County's maintenance responsibilities when the road is reclassified. The site plan was prepared by Krebs and Lansing Consulting Engineers, dated November 15, 2012, and entitled Boundary Survey, Lands of Lamoille County. Motion by RA to approve the Notice of Hearing and Examination of Premises with a site visit planned for 5:30 p.m. on June 12, 2014 and a hearing following back at the municipal offices on Route 15. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
6. VTANG Field Maintenance Shop (FMS) Construction Schedule – Mike Gingras, TAG Facilities Manager, reviewed the project which has an estimated construction start date of Phase One only of Spring 2015. The first phase is to replace Lyndonville FMS which typically has about 50 vehicles. RA asked whether the Guard could meet with the two fire chiefs to go over emergency response needs related to the operation and Gingras agreed. Phase 2, at least two years away from construction, will be bringing in the St. Albans facility with more FMS bays and a wash bay. Phase 3 finishes the project with construction of an Armory of 48,000 sq feet, to replace the Morrisville Armory, with all painting of vehicles to continue to be done at Camp Johnson, not in Hyde Park. DG asked about capacity of the building to serve as a town emergency shelter and Gingras advised that the Governor could allow that in some emergency situations. Gingras advised that Phase 3 is far off, at least 6 years out, based on limited federal funds. The Board thanked the facility representatives for the update.
7. May 8th Tax Sale – Three properties were bid on by others, so Roger did not bid on any properties having value on behalf of the town. One trailer on Rocky Lane, on land owned by Shirley Benway, was not bid on due to its poor condition and not being on owned land. The tax bill is \$169.00 but with tax sale costs the bill is now \$229. RA said that these costs will keep accumulating and maybe the Selectboard should look at to see if there is some solution.
8. Approve road names - Motion by BJ to approve the road names of Green Park West Road and Green Park East Road for the Sterling Meadows Farm subdivision. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
9. Commitment of Fund Balance - Motion by RA to commit \$195,000 from General Fund Balance for current paving expenses related to the signed contract with Pike Paving. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
10. Personnel Matters – The Board reviewed Kim Moulton's May 8, 2014 memo recommending that employees with other health insurance plans should receive a payment equal to 50% of the single-person premium costs for not taking the town's health benefit. Monita said it would be helpful to have this option when weighing health care choices. Motion by BJ to approve an Opt Out payment equal to 50% of a single-person monthly premium in lieu of health benefits for a six month trial period to be re-evaluated at that point. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Recommendation of Town Clerk – Motion by BJ to move into executive session to discuss the recommendation of the town clerk regarding an employee matter. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Motion by BJ to approve a one-time bonus of \$500 to Monita Neill as recommended by her supervisor, Kim Moulton. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

11. Committee Appointments – Motion to appoint the following: Recreation Committee members – Gary Nolan, Chasity Fagnant, Trevor Kneeland, Debbie Slayton, Deanna Judkins; Paul Provost, LCPC Commissioner; Bob Malbon, HP Planning Commission; Greg Paus as DRB Alternate
Seconded by BJ. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
12. Monthly Reports – Ron noted that the town is pursuing a grant from the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District to cover the cost of Green Up Day tire disposal which was \$247. The monthly grant report and task list will be submitted when updated.
13. Review Town Orders – Motion by BJ to approve the town orders as presented, except the Vermonters Helping Vermonters check for \$432.15 which needs to be voided and replaced with a new payment amount of \$247.70 due to a per ton cost discount through the solid waste district.
Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
14. Other Business – RA noted that the public access channel manager, Tim Torrey, met with Roger and Ron to review the setup of permanent video equipment in the community meeting room which should be completed in the next month or so. The Board discussed the town parcel north of Larry Demar's operation at 5187 VT 100 and how to address safety concerns at the 100C intersection as well as reduce the use of the town parcel for parking. Motion by BJ to approve the request to David Blackmore at VTrans District 8 for a No Parking Zone along Route 100 at Route 100C. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Dave Gagnier noted that a fire department invoice was submitted and paid late, incurring a \$50 late charge, and the Town Treasurer worked with the Fire Chief to modify procedures to improve payment processing. A letter from the Lambert Family, dated 04/23/2015, was received regarding a vicious dog complaint. A neighbor's dog has killed chickens on Fitch Hill Road and the Lamberts are seeing improved enforcement of the prohibition on roaming dogs. Ron will research the complaint and respond to the Lamberts. A letter from Molly Hurlburt from Hyde Park Elementary School, dated April 23, 2014, regarding her request for a community indoor swimming pool in Hyde Park. The Board will respond to Molly in writing and review with her the town process for this type of major capital investment and thank her for the idea. RB noted that Terry Judkins is looking for part-time heavy equipment operator position. DG noted that James Woods asked for a zoning permit application to get approval for a firewood processing operation on Robert Foss' parcel on Route 100. Rodjenski is mailing him an application.
15. Adjourn – Motion by RA to adjourn. Seconded by RB. So voted at 8:55 p.m.