

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 12, 2014**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Gail Garbutt, David Garbutt, Peggy King, Charlie Aronovici, LCSD Corporal Nathan Dandrow, Mike Bard, Elizabeth Monteith, Mike Paradis, Newport Ambulance; Evan Hughes, Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs (6:30 p.m.); Roy Marble (6:30 p.m.); Green Mountain Access Television videotaped this meeting.

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DG called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. Welcome and Public Comment
2. **PUBLIC HEARING TH#68** – A site visit was held on Commonwealth Avenue tonight at 5:30 p.m. with Ralph Larson, Suzanne Boden, Charlie Aronovici, Ron Rodjenski, David Gagnier, Brian Jones, Roland Boivin, Tricia Harper, and David Williams, to view the road section proposed for reclassification – described as “Reclassification of a portion of Commonwealth Avenue from a Class 3 Town Highway to a Class 4 Town Highway beginning at the centerline of Main Street and continuing southerly approximately 400 feet along the centerline of Commonwealth Avenue.” No additional members of the public appeared at this meeting at the town office. A new public hearing notice is required due to the 10-day notice not being met because the publication was on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion by RB to continue the hearing with a new newspaper notice to be published on June 17<sup>th</sup> beginning with an 8:00 a.m. site visit followed by a public hearing at the town office. Seconded by RA. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. **Recreation Fields’ Use Policy** – DG reviewed the current recreation field’s rules prohibiting firearms from being brought on the fields and the proposed amendment to only prohibit discharge. DG apologized for the prohibition rule which was last adopted in 2009. DG reviewed the current state park rules noting that the town’s proposed rules follow that language regarding the prohibition of firearms discharge. Evan Hughes in conversation with the town administrator that the Selectboard should be able to grant permission for discharge and the new rule should not require the granting of a permit for each request. Elizabeth Monteith suggested that no rule be adopted that prohibits firearms and other devices, including discharge, from town land. Elizabeth also noted additional concerns she has for other field rules and committee practices and DG referred her to the Recreation Fields Committee. Motion by BJ to accept the proposed Rule #2 prohibiting the discharge of firearms and other devices. Seconded by RA. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
4. **Interview with Peggy King.** Peggy King introduced herself and discussed her appointment to the Planning Commission. Motion by BJ to appoint Peggy King to term ending 2015. Seconded by RA. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
5. **Trustee of Public Funds.** Motion by BJ to appoint Sally Foss Ammons to Trustee with a term ending 2017. Seconded by RA. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
6. **Garbutt Stormwater** – Gail Garbutt clarified that she is no longer requesting that the town relocate the Centerville Road stormwater, but to allow some of the spring runoff to stay on the north side of Centerville Road to reduce the impact on their leach field. Garbutt’s have hired an engineer to help review the matter. RB stated that he looked at the culvert and there is some recent diversion of town stormwater because someone cut a small trench through a berm on the Chauvin side (north side) of Centerville Road. Brian Jones also looked at the site and felt that

improving the ditch at the town culvert outlet on the Garbutt's side, with some large stone, would better protect the leach field. RB advised that an 18" culvert is now in the road and Gail stated that a new plan is being developed which would include an 18" culvert. The board tabled the request until the Garbutt's have a new plan drawn up for their review.

7. **Recreation Fields Rules** – Evan Hughes and Roy Marble appeared. DG expressed his appreciation for Evan's suggestion that the town use "by permission of the Selectboard" to allow discharge of firearms. DG informed Evan and Roy that the suggestions were included in a new Rule #2, adopted earlier tonight. DG thanked Roy and Evan for their assistance.
8. **NEMS 2014-2015 Contract** – Mike Paradis from Newport Ambulance presented a new contract for signature. Mike explained that revenue sources are being reduced due to the federal Affordable Care Act, because more transport payments are being paid under Medicaid which are 30% of the level paid by private insurance companies. The 2014-2015 contract is slightly under the amount approved by town voters at the 2014 Town Meeting of \$68,700. RA asked for extra meetings with the Selectboard due to the potential changes in costs to towns. Motion by RA to approve the 2014-2015 NEMS Contract. Seconded by RB. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
9. **LCSD 2014-2015 Contract** – Corporal Dandrow reviewed the staff changes at LCSD and the proposed contract for patrol services of \$333,935.83, just under the voted amount of \$334,000 and for communications services of \$67,316.70, just under the voted amount of \$67,400. DG mentioned that LCSD contacted him recently about a possible meeting to discuss changes in the level of his patrol services offered to the three towns, with the loss of Lt. Audet and Corp. Plante. Corporal Dandrow stated that LCSD is in the process of hiring new deputies, however, the new deputies do not yet have full-time certification. RA asked about the reducing ticket revenue and Corp. Dandrow stated there are deputies working on investigations and two vacancies but LCSD is and will be maintaining the 24/7 coverage as required in the contract. Rodjenski asked if the Corporal expected ticket revenues to increase to which he stated as new officers are trained, he does expect to see increases. Motion by BJ to approve the 2014-2015 Communications Contract. Seconded by PC. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Motion by BJ to approve the 2014-2015 LCSD Patrol Contract. Seconded by PC. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
10. **Mike Bard and Charlie Aronovici** – Discuss Winter Plowing Damage on Commonwealth Avenue. A site visit was held earlier tonight to view the area of the winter plowing damage. RB advised that the town highway crew has a right-of-way width of 25-feet from the center of the road and our highway crew does a really good job in difficult weather conditions. RB explained that using a small truck limits the crew's flexibility to easily continue plowing on main roads, which require the larger trucks. RB stated that frost this year was bad and caused more than just Commonwealth Ave to break up. CA asked that the board look at it a different way, noting that for years there was no damage, until the past few years. CA noted that the rose bushes that were plowed up this past year had been there for 37 years. CA informed the Board that when he spoke to Ken Alexander about his lawn damage he laughed and walked away, which he felt was not the way to respond to a citizen complaint. CA suggested contracting smaller trucks for Village streets. RB noted that even smaller trucks can break down which would require the use of the larger trucks on Village streets. DG stated that the roads in the village are narrow and maybe we could check on the feasibility of both providing more room for plows and using smaller trucks. MB stated that the damage was caused this past December when there was little snow so there was no reason for plowing so far off the pavement. MB said that he was open to moving or trimming bushes, if he knew what the town wanted. RB stated that improving the roadsides will make it safer for the plow operators and reduce damage to truck mirrors. CA submitted a private contractor's \$503.50 estimate to repair his yard. MB asked to receive prior notice if bushes need to be removed to help plowing. DG stated that the board would discuss options with the highway crew and inform the residents of their ideas to move forward.
11. **The World Soccer Festival** - Motion by RA to approve the request to have Town act as the fiscal sponsor. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

12. **Sterling View Mobile Home Park / Ken Harvey Loan Refinancing.** Motion by BJ to accept the note that states Ken and Martha Harvey will sign and pay \$1000.00 a month over 149 months at a fixed rate of 3.0% for the loan on Sterling View Mobile Home Park. Seconded by RA. Discussion: Rodjenski noted that Wolcott would receive 33% of payments and Hyde Park 66%, which is the same as the current arrangement. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
13. **End of Year Discussion – General Fund Balance Commitments –** Rodjenski noted that road commissioner Ken Alexander is proposing two commitments of FY2014 funds to be spent in FY2015; purchase of a hay mulcher and purchase of materials to build a shed addition to town garage for the town road grader. Motion by RA to move this discussion to June 27. Seconded by PC. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
14. **Annual CAMA Appraisal Cost Tables License –** Motion by PC to sign the annual CAMA contract for appraisal software. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
15. **2014 DOG WARRANT –** Unlicensed dogs to be picked up by animal control. Motion by RA to sign the 2014 Dog Warrant. Seconded by RB. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
16. **Errors and Omissions Request from Town Listers –** One name change in the 2014 Grandlist. Motion by BJ to approve the errors and omissions request. Seconded by RA. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
17. **Purchase Order #0026 –** Diesel Fuel Over-expenditure by \$9,000 due to winter maintenance. Motion by RA to approve PO#0026 for \$73,565.42 for FY14 Fuel. Seconded by RB. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
18. **Monthly Reports –** 2015 Review ‘Town Project List’ ; Task List and ‘Grants Watch’ report & LCSD Police Incident Report. Task list and Grants to be reviewed June 27. The Board accepted the Town Treasurer’s annual “Financial Management Questionnaire – Vermont Auditor’s Office”.
19. **End of Year meeting** to be June 27 at 8:00 a.m. to include review of minutes.
20. **Other Business –** The status of the falling down **old Schoolhouse** at Trombley and Cleveland Corners was discussed and Ron reported that the property owner recently called inquiring about permits to remove the structure. BJ reviewed three **new driveway permits**; two on North Hyde Park Road and one on Battle Row Road, noting that he will sign them as the authorized member. DG reviewed the invoice for repairs to **Charlie Aronovici** in the amount of \$503.50. Motion by BJ to accept the sum of \$503.50 to repair land on Commonwealth Ave roadside and rake out all damage areas, add two yards of topsoil and reseed. Seconded by RA. Voting: 0 in favor, 5 against, motion not approved. RA noted that if they pay one, then the town will be expected to pay other requests. **Robert Stilson** requested reimbursement of \$40 for repairs to his mailbox on Garfield Road which was tabled until RB can look at the location. DG received a request from Russ Lanphear to clean the **memorial at the courthouse** and RR will take care of that with Community Events funds. RR will ask if the Village Improvement Association can plant flowers at the memorial. DG reported on three quotes he obtained for a new **dump truck body**; TENCO - \$54,178 plus \$1,925 for electronic sander for a total **\$56,103**; VIKING is \$54,470 plus \$2,600 for electronic sander for a total of \$57,070; and HP Fairfield with body and electronic controls is \$57,395. Deferred to June 27.
  - a. High Mowing Seeds – Lease town land next year referred to Brian Jones for follow up.
  - b. Library Bike Rack - Ron reported that the highway crew will be helping the library with a concrete pad for a new bike rack already acquired under a 2013 VTrans grant.
  - c. Emails to Selectboard – Ron suggested that the town website post a new email address - [Selectboard@hydeparkvt.com](mailto:Selectboard@hydeparkvt.com) – and delete individual board member emails. Any emails from the public would first be forwarded to Ron, and then researched, prior to sending to the full board. All board members agreed that this would ensure all members have the same information. Members would still have their home phone numbers posted.
  - d. VLCT Life and Short Term /Long Term Disability – The Board asked that RR prepare a proposal for their review which would include benefit limits and town funding sources.
21. **Adjourn –** Motion by PC to adjourn. Seconded by RA. So voted at 8:57 p.m.