

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
August 14, 2014**

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Teresa and William Farquharson (141 Hemingway); Charlie Aronovici; Beverly Potter (145 Mason); Heather Sartwell; Melinda Scott, Regional Planner LCPC; Green Mountain Access Television videotaped this meeting.

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

1. **Welcome and Public Comment** – A revised agenda was accepted; adding three items.
2. **Discuss Lamoille Valley Rail Trail & Town Liability** – Town Attorney Letter dated August 13, 2014 was received. The Board deferred further discussion on a new trailhead facility on State land indefinitely due to on-going liability concerns with environmental testing and risks.
3. **Interview with Charlie Aronovici** – Charlie reviewed his activities as a member of the Village Trustees and would like to be a representative for the Village on the DRB as the town and village implement the upcoming new zoning regulations. Motion by BJ to appoint Charlie to the DRB with a term ending March 2016. Seconded by PC. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
4. **Purchase Order Policy** – Update definition of \$5,000 plus other minor revisions. Motion by PC to approve the changes as drafted to be effective today. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
5. **Town Listers' Errors and Omissions Report** – Motion by RA to approve the one change as presented by the town listers. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
6. **Discuss Lamoille Valley Rail Trail & Town Liability** – Melinda Scott appeared and reviewed the history of environmental issues with the Depot St Ext location and offered that LCPC understands the town's concerns for liability but would support the town if this site continues as a possibility. The current grant for a trailhead building/parking area will expire in the fall of 2015 and those funds could support an alternate location. An alternate location will be further explored by staff. DG stated that if the liability issues could be removed, then the town might consider the original rail trail location on State land as that location is ideal, except for the environmental liability concerns. The Board will discuss again in September.
7. **Lamoille County Courthouse 19 VSA 1111 permit** – The Board discussed the approval of proposed improvements and possible permit conditions, such as county maintenance of the travel lanes, upkeep of any improvements constructed in the right-of-way and requiring the County or Larson to resurface the swale along the north side of the Larson barn. BJ noted the recent work on a barn along Route 15 in Wolcott might work for the Larson barn. Motion by PC to approve the 19 VSA 1111 permit, per the submitted site plan, and conditioned on the applicant or others coming back with a solution to on the deteriorating swale at the Larson barn, the County performing winter plowing of the Class 4 section of Commonwealth Avenue and the County maintaining their improvements within the Commonwealth Avenue right-of-way in good condition. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
8. **Discuss short-term disability insurance coverage.** The Board agreed to look at a new contract with VLCT for life and short-term (12 weeks) disability coverage with condition that employees make up 40 hours of pay while receiving the 50% pay benefit. The Board will discuss again in September with any needed revisions to the Personnel Policy.

9. **Discuss Private Road Memo from Road Committee** – The Board discussed the road committee’s recommendation to address four private roads (Mason, Hemingway, Sylvan and Crabapple) that are now receiving town maintenance which is not general town policy. DG noted that the landowners would have to pay for the cost of the deed and survey before the town would accept as a town highway. Ron will check land records for recorded road information. Landowners were asked to research any similar documents they have in their personal files or title opinions. DG said that the Selectboard isn’t inclined to drop maintenance without giving landowners a chance to prepare legal documents. Bev Potter stated she would think most neighbors would sign the deeds needed by the town. The Selectboard will add this topic to their September meeting.
10. **Discuss trench box purchase with Village (\$1,700) and Paving Mill St. (\$7,000)** – The Board approved staff moving forward with the purchase of the trench box and modifying the paved road list to include Mill Street as that additional \$7,000 is under the approved PO amount.
11. **John Clegg Request** – John asked that the Selectboard call a Special Meeting to have the voters decide if future town and school budgets should be voted by Australian ballot. The Selectboard decided not to ask voters “on their own” and Ron will inform John that if he wanted to pursue the question he would need to submit a signed petition.
12. **Monthly Reports:** Review ‘Task List’ and ‘Grants Watch’ report & LCSD Police Incident Report
13. **Minutes:** Motion by RA to approve the July 10, 2014 and July 17, 2014 minutes as written. Seconded by RB. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
14. **Review Town Orders** – Motion by RA to approve town orders and warrants. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
15. **Other Business**
 - i. **Emergency Response Workshop** on Sept. 9 at Hyde Park Town Office; 5:30 p.m.
 - ii. **North Hyde Park Streetscape RFP** responses are due September 2nd by 4:00 p.m.
 - iii. **VTrans Bike-Ped Grant** (\$31,500) Awarded to Hyde Park 08/13/2014 – Motion by PC to accept the grant and authorize Ron Rodjenski to act as grant administrator to process any necessary paperwork to complete the project. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
 - iv. PC reported that a **roadside brush clearing** demo was canceled at the last minute and he is not sure if he would try to reschedule. BJ felt that the town might explore doing more than one pass with the roadside mower and spending some money to get the brush cut back. PC thought that machinery could do a faster job than the crew with chainsaws and a mulcher. The Board thought that intersections should be a priority and BJ will talk to the highway crew.
16. **Adjourn** – Motion by PC to adjourn. Seconded by RA. So voted at 8:00 p.m.