

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 11, 2014**

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**Members Present:** David Gagnier (DG), Chair; Pete Couture (PC); Roland Boivin (RB) and Roger Audet (RA)  
**Members Absent:** Brian Jones (BJ), Vice-Chair  
**Others Present:** Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Teresa and William Farquharson (141 Hemingway); Dan Cyr and Russ Clark for Clark's Truck Center; Beverly Potter (145 Mason); 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** – Added one item to Agenda - Clark's Truck Order – DG reviewed the ordering process that is on-going since April with Clark's Truck Center for a new single-axle dump truck which was originally expected to be due in August 2014, thus the town had set an appointment with HP Fairfield to install the body and plow package. Clark's notified the town the truck would not begin the build of the truck until November then delivery would be 8 days later. DG reviewed the options that the town has at this point: 1) canceling the order; 2) buying from another truck dealer - Charlebois has one truck which is not quite to specification requested but close which could be sold to Hyde Park, or 3) continuing to work with Clark's. DG expressed concern for lack of communication regarding the delay in the truck delivery and possibly not having the new plow truck until mid-winter. Russ Clark thanked the board for providing time on tonight's agenda and expressed his appreciation for Hyde Park's business. Russ stated that the truck was ordered in April and could have been built by August but engineering delayed it until November to get the town's order correct – tires were an issue, axles have lead times, and especially the 30,000 lb axle the town ordered which has a 3-month lead time. Russ still believes the truck will be delivered by January 1, 2015. DG offered that the prior history with the maintenance issues related to the town's last truck and now this delay is damaging Clark's customer service relationship with the Town. Dan Cyr explained that DG called to check on the order a couple days after Clark's was told the build date was pushed to November. Dan was trying to come up with a plan to improve the situation when DG called. Russ explained that the options selected by the town had various build dates and extensions, which does not normally occur on a standard order. October 21 is the current build date and Fairfield would get it around Nov 1 for the plow and body installation, then the town will get the truck in 60 days or less. Clark's offered some concessions to hopefully improve the situation with Hyde Park, such as a free Diamond Connection computer system to allow the highway crew to research International part replacement information and other truck model information; a \$2,000 credit for truck repairs to any of the three International town trucks and if Kenny's International needs repairs, those parts would be provided at cost. The Board thanked Clark's for coming in and will discuss their offer later in the meeting.
2. **Private Road Maintenance** – Report on deed research and next steps, including winter plowing for 2014-2015 winter. Jim Fontaine read a letter regarding the plowing of Diggins Road about 0.40 miles after the end of the Class 3 portion; which has been the case since 1994 and over \$58,000 in annual taxes to the town. The Board agreed that the same winter practices should continue for at least this upcoming winter. Corey Hathaway asked for one round of grading prior to winter to prepare the surface for plowing. Bev Potter looked at her property deed on Mason Road and found the survey for the road, noting that her parcel does not extend into the 50-foot road right-of-way. Bev noted that the state permit number for the Mason Road subdivision is EC-5-1877 (1989) and the 1877-2 revision (1993). Battle Row Associates is potentially still the owner of the road even though they are not on the Grandlist. Theresa F. presented photos of the 1973 construction of Mason Road and an ad from Marble Realty selling the lots with a future public highway, but only after the last lot was sold.

3. **Hyde Park Village Stormwater Project** – Kim Komer from Lamoille County Conservation District updated the board on the plans to try to locate a bio-retention facility on the south side of Morey Road to treat stormwater along Depot Street. Kim explained that only having tentative agreements in a recent design grant application was the main reason for that grant's denial. Kim needs to answer some additional questions for the next grant round in October, as well as formal agreements. Three erosion issues exist along the stormwater route from the elementary school to Morey Road and grants are available to help complete the work. LCCD is requesting \$5,430 from the town to complete a hydraulic study of the stormwater system to then allow LLCD to submit a new grant for design and construction of the improvements. The construction project would be about \$30,000 with \$10,000 of that cost from in-kind work by the town for excavating the sites prior to a contractor coming in to build the infrastructure. Norm was concerned about Main Street stormwater off Orchard Lane which he feels heads toward the Depot St. watershed but was not included in the original engineering work. Kim will check the watershed boundaries. A site visit was tentatively set for next Thursday 9/18 at 4:00 p.m. to view the areas proposed for the bio-retention project.
4. **Short-term disability insurance and related Personnel Policy amendments** – The Board reviewed the proposed revisions to Section XI. Motion by RA to approve the Section XI changes which sets conditions on eligibility for short-term disability insurance coverage and authorizes Ron to sign contracts for moving to VLCT's \$10,000 life insurance policy and basic short-term disability policy with the town paying 100% of both premiums for 40 hour employees. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
5. **Appoint Hyde Park Historical Society as a Town Committee** – Motion by RB to appoint the following members to the Hyde Park Historical Society as a town committee through March 2015: Harold Bailey; Beth Bailey, Robert Jones, Carolyn Jones, Julie Rohleder, Carl Fortune, Tom Haney, Dave Potter, Dave Griswold. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
6. **Zoning Administrator** – Motion by PC to appoint Ron Rodjenski as town and village zoning administrator through September 11, 2017. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
7. **North Hyde Park Streetscape RFP Award.** Roger reviewed the recommendation of the selection committee (Dave Harvey, Roger Audet and Greg Paus). Motion by RB to select Dubois-King for the 2013 Transportation Alternatives grant and authorize Ron R to sign necessary paperwork, Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
8. **HRRR and Speed Limits on Centerville Road.** The Village Trustees met last night and are requesting all village streets to be posted at 25 MPH. Ron thought that only Centerville Rd and the beginning of Battle Row Rd were presently posted higher than 25 MPH. DG questioned whether the 55 signs proposed in the Centerville Road HRRR grant were all needed on this rural road. Rodjenski advised that neighbors along Centerville Road have asked for a reduction in the town portion of the Centerville Road from 50 MPH to 35 MPH. The Selectboard felt that the new signage will include signs advising of slower speeds in certain areas, such as sharp corners. Rodjenski advised that the state recommends the location and type of signs, pays for the signs and the installation and uses the federal MUTCD guidelines followed by all states and municipalities. Motion by PC to approve the HRRR plan. Seconded by RB. 3 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention (DG), motion passed. Motion by RB to reduce the Centerville Rd speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph (from Route 15 north to the Village limit), reduce any other Village streets speed limits to 25 MPH, and maintain the current speed limit of 50 mph for Centerville (from the Village limit north to Center Road). DG asked that notices be put out advising residents of the reduced speed limits in the village.
9. **MPG15 – Resolution for State Planning Grant Application** – The Trustees would like to seek funding for a Village Center Master Plan; \$8,000 request for consultant services with no local match required. Motion by RB to sign the resolution for MPG15. Seconded by PC. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
10. **Monthly Reports** - Received 'Town Project List' & LCSD Police Incident Report

11. **Minutes:** August 14, 2014 – Motion by RA to approve the August 14, 2014 minutes, as written. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
12. **Review Town Orders** – Motion by RA to approve the town orders. Seconded by PC. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 13. Other Business:**
- a. \$18.3 Million Bond Vote for Elementary School Project is scheduled for November 4, 2014. RA reviewed the selected construction plan and advised that information is available at number of upcoming events, including Hyde Park Home Day on Sept 20. Ron read the list of information meetings from the HPES website.
  - b. Overview of FY2016 Budget Schedule – The Board will hear from town departments at their regular meetings in October through January.
  - c. Culvert Policy – The Board agreed that if landowners repair their own driveway culvert, then the culvert can be purchased from the town at the Town's cost but work must be overseen and approved by the road commissioner. Ron will work on a written policy for Board approval.
  - d. 400 Puckerbrush East Road (Albright parcel) – The condition of the road is not sufficient to meet the conditions for a new house permit so improvements are required within the Class 3 town highway portion. Who will perform and pay for the improvements was not immediately clear. DG will talk with Howard Manosh, both being landowners along Puckerbrush East Road.
  - e. Truck Purchase from Clark's Truck Center – The Board agreed to continue to work with Clark's based on their commitment to improve relations with the Town and their offer of \$2,000 credit, access to the International truck computer system and allowing any repair parts to be charged "at cost" for Kenny's International (the truck the town is keeping instead of trading in when the new truck arrives).
14. **Adjourn** - Motion by PC to adjourn. Seconded by RA. So voted at 8:45 p.m.