

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

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Members Present: David Gagnier (DG), Chair; Brian Jones (BJ), Vice-Chair; and Roger Audet (RA)  
Members Absent: Roland Boivin (RB); Pete Couture (PC)  
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; HPFD Chief Ed Webster; HPFD Officers present: Ryan Nolan, George Cook and John Rohleder; Green Mountain Access Television videotaped this meeting.

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

1. Welcome, public comment. No public comment.
2. FY2016 Budget – Ron noted that the recreation committee asked to be rescheduled for January 8. Chief Ed Webster was present to review the pay adjustments for firefighters to keep up with the new \$10.50 minimum wage rate that starts January 1, 2016. Chief Webster reviewed wage rates from area fire department's and he felt that Hyde Park's proposal was less than or close to those other departments, but many departments pay for training while HPFD does not. Roger suggested, noting the fire department's phone budget increase, that the town verify whether it has an expired 2-year contract. If not renewed every two years, it could result in a rate increase from Fairpoint. Chief Webster explained that the main budget increase is in salaries with other line items held the same as this year; an overall increase of \$2,750. Dave said the fire officer's did a good job preparing the budget.
3. Town Policy Review – Credit cards for department heads and store cards for employees. The Board wanted to see policy revisions at their next meeting which would allow department heads to keep a credit card in their department and allow other employees to have store cards, but the town treasurer still would maintain control of all credit and store cards and be the only one that can change terms.
4. Town Policy Review – Set fee schedule for use of Community Meeting Room – Motion by RA to approve the fee schedule and rules, dated 12/1/2014, to be effective immediately. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
5. 2015 High Risk Rural Roads (Signs) Grant – Centerville Road – Motion by RA to approve the revised HRRR plan with 25 MPH on Centerville Road. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
6. Update on Center Road Speed Study Request – Ron noted that a couple residents had hoped to have Centerville Road added to the study, but the Selectboard felt that the HRRR sign improvements should move forward with the 50MPH speed limit. Motion by RA to complete a speed study for Center Road with LCPC support. Seconded by PC. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention (DG as he was absent the last time it was discussed).
7. Listers' Error and Omissions to Grandlist – Add \$2,900; structure missed on April 1, 2014 – Motion by BJ to approve the E&O to increase the Grandlist by \$2,900. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
8. Review 'Town Project List' ; 'Grants Watch' report & LCSD Police Incident Report

9. Review minutes: Motion by BJ to approve the minutes of 12/10/2014, as written. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Motion by BJ to approve the 11/13/2014 minutes, as written. Seconded by RA. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention (DG was absent), motion passed.
10. Review Town Orders: Motion by PC to approve the town orders. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
11. Other Business:
- i. Reminders – Employee Potluck Lunch – Wed. December 17<sup>th</sup> Noon
  - ii. Road Committee Update – Paul Gillies, Esq. recommendations are being developed but nothing new yet. The Board felt it was good to have Paul Gillies to also meet with the Road Committee on the other 25 roads being evaluated.
  - iii. Update on Town Gravel Pit Operations and Future Planning – Dave stated that the ballfields were bought for a gravel pit and making ball field improvements now should be done knowing that they will be removed at some point so the town can remove sand and gravel. Rodjenski stated that there is a perpetual easement on 16.8 acres of this 32 acre parcel which is reserved for recreation use as three ballfields. In order to remove sand and gravel, the easement needs to be removed and the federal grant agency must allow this “conversion” to another use and relocation of the ballfields to another town property. Ron will report back on a new grant application being pursued by the Recreation Committee for new picnic tables, pavilions and trees, noting that the new application would be good to include a conversion request for the 16.8 acres.
  - iv. New Dump Truck – Dave noted that the truck was received on Monday and inspected by town highway, but then rejected by HP Fairfield because a tank and battery box were installed on the wrong side so the plow could not be installed. The cost to relocate the two items is \$1,300. Dave approved the relocation but will try to get Clark’s to reimburse the town since that is something Clark’s/International is responsible for not the town.
  - v. VFW Road – Dave spoke with Ken Harvey about why the Selectboard accepted VFW Drive as a town highway. Ken stated that the VFW Post offered their location as a town shelter. Ron will check the files to see if there was any documentation of that offer.
12. Adjourn - Motion by RA to adjourn. Seconded by PC. So voted at 7:37 p.m.