

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2015**

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Members Present: David Gagnier (DG), Chair; Brian Jones (BJ), Vice-Chair; Roland Boivin (RB), Pete Couture (PC) and Roger Audet (RA)
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Beverly Potter, Theresa Farquharson, Herman Fiess, Second Congregational Church; GMATV videotaped this meeting.

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

1. **Welcome, public comment.** Beverly Potter asked about the next steps in the Mason Road town road acceptance process and Ron handed out a list of items to be completed based on the 2012 Town Road Acceptance Policy. Dave suggested that Ken and Mike produce a site inspection report of the existing culverts and conditions, such as, is the road in the surveyed strip of land and are all culverts in good condition. Bev Potter stated that driveway culverts are in and the slope has been modified in some locations. The Board agreed to move forward on evaluating the road, but first wanted to know if any neighbors objected to the road becoming a town road. Ron will send a note to the property owners letting them know that the Beverly and Theresa will be visiting them to update them on the road acceptance process. A neighbors' meeting might need to be held as well.
2. **Proposed 2015 Local Emergency Operations Plan** – Emergency Management Director Brad Carriere explained that the Plan has been updated and now includes maps prepared by the regional planning staff. Motion by Brian to adopt the 2015 BEOP with two additions – adding “SB1” as Dave Gagnier’s radio call sign and correcting LUHS property manager’s name. Secoded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. **2015 Road Commissioner’s Summer Schedule** – Ron updated the board on the pending Class 2 paving grant for North Hyde Park Road and the state’s information that Hyde Park ranks 7th in line for funding, so funding would be more likely in 2016. Jones Road was added to the cut brush sections on the summer schedule. Dave asked for monthly updates from the highway department on their progress.
4. **Amend Purchase Order #0024** for 2015 Single Axle to \$170,000 – Motion by Roger to amend to \$170,000. Secoded by Brian. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
5. **Amend Purchase Order #0029** to increase the winter salt budget. Motion by Roger to amend to \$102,000. Secoded by Brian. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
6. **Purchase Order #0033** for 2015 Tandem Dump (Mike’s) for not to exceed amount of \$138,000. Motion by Roger to amend to \$138,000. Secoded by Brian. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
7. **Minutes** – Motion by Brian to approve the March 12, 2015 minutes, as written. Secoded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
8. **Second Congregational Church** – Herman Fiess, Financial Manager for the church at the corner of Prospect St and Main was present and notified the board that a tremendous amount of funds are needed to repair the church as the sills are rotted, even after the church has spent over \$150,000 in recent years. Attendance at many area churches is decreasing so less funding is available to maintain the structures. Churches are a primary focal point in historic villages, such as Hyde Park and most Vermont towns. A five year plan is being developed with some options being combining churches, closing the church or abandoning the structure. The church is looking for grants and other support to make the needed repairs. Herman was present to share this information and explore all possible options for the continued use or repurposing of the structure. For example, if the church

removes the bell tower or the entire building will the town feel like it should have been saved due to its contribution to the historic value of Main Street. Herman asked about the source for clay which is needed to protect the stone foundation and the board offered some sources outside of Hyde Park. Herman asked about the plowing of sidewalks on the weekends and the church would like them done to keep people out of the road. The Selectboard knew this had been a recent issue with the library. Herman asked whether the town could support a construction project by trucking material to the church. The church is working with DeWolfe engineering on cost estimates, with no repair plans until 2016. Dave suggested that the church could present a request at town meeting for preservation funds. The Board confirmed that they are willing to work with the church as it pursues its planning and preservation options. Ron noted that any funding requests would need to be finalized by early January for a Town Meeting vote.

9. **Review Town Orders** – Motion by Roger to approve the town orders, with the exception of HP Fairfield's \$60,390 payment which is only to be released if HP Fairfield agrees to complete the repairs to the 2015 head board and piston with a 5 year warranty on the replaced piston. Seconded by Pete. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

10. Other Business

- i. Review Monthly Reports – Town Projects & Grants Report. Sheriff not received.
- ii. Discuss Mowing of Town Properties & Fuel and Heating Oil Bids for all Departments. Dave reported that Brian Shackett from the Dept of Corrections offered to mow town properties if the town would allow him to store the DOC crew's summer mowing equipment. The crew would also help with the construction of the grader shed addition to the town garage. Dave said the State of Vermont has its own insurance and it would be a year to year arrangement. The Board was ok with moving forward for this summer. Pete thought that a wash bay would be a good addition to help the town crew clean the trucks on a regular basis, especially since the trucks are getting close to \$200,000 each. Ron will prepare a group bid package on fuels.
- iii. Village of Hyde Park Solar Project Meeting – Tues., April 21st (downstairs; 6:00 p.m.). Dave reported that the Village is looking for a town parcel to be included in the solar project and Dave suggested about 3 acres north of the town office and cemetery. A lease on that land could provide some revenue to the town. Dave advised Carol to move forward with that possibility with the understanding that the Selectboard would need more details before making a final decision on a lease. The Board members will try to attend the April 21 meeting for more information on the project.
- iv. Tax Sale May 2015 – Roger Audet to review properties for possible town bid. Roger advised against bidding on the unlanded home on Rocky Road, but the Board felt properties with value should be bid on, if no other bids are offered.
- v. VT Army National Guard Field Maintenance Shop Ribbon Cutting for Phase One is June 4th and the Phase 2 Bid is planned to be advertised in January 2016.
- vi. Roger asked whether the new NEMS contract with Morrisville will reduce the Hyde Park ambulance coverage. Roger stated that he wanted to make sure that the NEMS ambulance is not being taken all over the county like the old Lamoille ambulance vehicles had done. Ron will contact Mike Paradis and get an update on the expanded commitments of NEMS in Morrisville.
- vii. Roland reported that the amounts on some recent fire department invoices included non-state contract pricing and the department will buy truck filters themselves in the future.

11. **Adjourn** – Motion by Brian to adjourn. Seconded by Roger. So voted at 8:07 p.m. Next meeting date is May 14, 2015.