

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2015**

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Members Present: David Gagnier (DG), Chair; Brian Jones (BJ), Vice-Chair; Roland Boivin (RB), and Roger Audet (RA)
Members Absent: Pete Couture (PC)
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Beverly Potter, Theresa Farquharson, Mac Teale, Ralph Larson, Mike Paradis and Scott Griswold – NEMS/Newport Ambulance, Thomas Stearns; GMATV videotaped this meeting.

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

1. **Welcome, agenda changes, if any.** No changes to the agenda were made.
2. **Public Comment:**

Mason Road – Theresa submitted an email dated May 13, 2015 regarding Battle Row Associates agreement to draft a road deed for the two roads. Dave G asked if the survey markers could be flagged by the landowners and, if so, the Selectboard would then meet on site and view the constructed road and if it is located properly within the proposed deeded strip of land. A site visit was set for June 11 at 5:00 p.m. if road markers are ready for inspection.

Separation of the Village and Town – Mac Teale asked if the board knew if there was ever a town and village hearing to discuss the topic of further separating, as the Trustees are doing now, or merging the town and village. The Board did not know of any joint meetings on this topic. Mac asked if a public hearing could be scheduled. Mac explained that the town is connected to the village and to have only the village meetings on the topic is not as good as having a town and village joint meeting. Dave G suggested that Mac should bring his request for a joint meeting to the Village trustees.

New Zoning – Mac Teale explained that he would like to have more input on the document and get the word out. Ron provided an update on the planning commission's work and their recent approval of a final draft on May 6. The Commission's first public hearing is set for June 3 at 6:00 p.m. A town-wide mailing will go out in about a week, encouraging people to attend the hearing or submit comments on the draft. Following the hearing, the planning commission will decide whether or not to forward the bylaw to the Selectboard for final adoption.

School Project– Roger asked Mac when the costs of the new HPES facility options would be known. Mac explained that the new building committee is working on evaluation of a number of options and all information is on the school website as their work progresses to a final recommendation.

3. **Tom Stearns, High Mowing Organic Seeds** – Welcome to Hyde Park! Tom updated the board on the plans for his current Wolcott and Hardwick business moving to the Applecheek Farm parcel off Garfield Road. The business will take a slow approach and then grow over time. The business is a mail order seed company with some seeds grown on-site and others purchased from other companies. The existing house and barns are rented back to the Clarks for about a year; then all business operations would start relocating to Hyde Park. Dave encouraged Tom to keep the town informed of any needs or concerns.
4. **Webster Road (TH38)** - Ralph Larson is proposing a 2-lot subdivision on Webster Road's Class 4 portion. Ralph offered to survey about 2,000 ft of the existing as-built road across the Andre Lague parcel and the Spitzer parcel. Brain Jones asked for the opinion of Spitzer and Lague before Ralph proceeds with any survey work. Ralph stated that he wanted to clear things up for the best interests of all landowners. Ron will ask the two property owners if they would consider granting road easements if that is what is needed based on the results of Ralph's proposed survey.

5. **NEMS Ambulance Service** – Mike Paradis explained that changing from quarterly payments to NEMS to monthly payments will help with their cash flow and some smaller towns pay once, at the beginning of the year. Roger explained that some EMS volunteers have been covering for NEMS when they are out of the area. Scott Griswold explained that there is one crew on at night and they will refuse calls when they know they do not have a back up crew. NEMS has received mutual aid seven times but provided mutual aid 56 times to other agencies over the past year. In recent cases, NEMS had identified a back up crew to cover their transport, but the back up crew did not follow procedure and notify NEMS they would not be available. NEMS is working to correct that situation. Scott explained that they have not done non-emergency transports for about a year. NEMS lets the Sheriff dispatch know they are headed out of town. Mike said that he is working with Morrisville Rescue and FAST squad on improving the back up system when NEMS is out of the area. Mike stated that volunteer ranks are limited and a new mutual aid agreement is in the works for Lamoille County to level out the mutual aid numbers between agencies. Scott Griswold thought that consolidation would help but it is years away and creates a lot of discussion and apprehension within each agency. A potential meeting of Selectboard's was discussed, possibly this summer, and Mike will keep us informed if that meeting comes together with the other towns. Motion by BJ to approve the contract for 2015-2016 and authorize Dave Gagnier to sign. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Mike will be meeting with other towns and send us a final contract once all towns have signed.
6. **2015 Paving Bids** (Centerville & North Hyde Park Rd) – Pike was the lowest bidder of four companies at \$64.95 per ton. Motion by BJ to award the 2015 Paving Contract to Pike Industries at \$64.95 per ton. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Motion by BJ to approve Purchase Order #0035 for \$205,000 to Pike Industries. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
7. **Extended Warranty Discussion** – 2015 Tandem (Mike's). Motion by RB to allow Brian Jones to work with Highway and secure an extended warranty for up to \$6,700. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
8. **Review minutes of April 9, 2015.** Motion by BJ to approve the April 9, 2015 minutes as written. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
9. **Review Town Orders** – Motion by RB to approve the town orders. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
10. **Other Business**
 - i. Review Monthly Reports – Town Projects, Grants Report and Sheriff Report.
 - ii. Tax Sale May 2015 – Roger Audet reported that all properties were paid in full prior to the tax sale or sold, except the unlanded and deteriorated mobile home on Rocky Rd.
 - iii. Purchase Order #0034 – Basement Vault Humidity Control. Motion by RA to approve PO#0034 for \$5,578.83 for air quality control improvements in the vault. Seconded by RB. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
 - iv. Webster Road – Does Andre Lague own the property? Ron will check the land records.
 - v. East Main Street Culvert – Ron reported that he has been working with highway to plan the replacement of a deteriorated culvert under East Main Street near Route 15. The State has visited the site and due to the presence of fish the new structure must be 1.2 times bank width which requires a culvert or crossing of at least 101" in width at the top of the stream, instead of the existing 54" culvert.
 - vi. Roland reported that a recent complaint delivered to the Selectboard and regarding a former firefighter is between the complainant and the former firefighter, not the Selectboard.
11. **Adjourn** – Motion by Brian to adjourn. Seconded by Roger. So voted at 7:57 p.m.