

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2015**

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Members Present: David Gagnier, Chair; Brian Jones, Vice-Chair; Roland Boivin; Pete Couture and Roger Audet
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Ryan Nolan; Beverly Potter; Bill Hannon; Theresa Farquharson; David Ring; GMATV videotaped this meeting.

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

1. **Welcome**, changes to the agenda, if any, & public comment: Approved changes to agenda: add resignation of Marvin Locke, LCSD Patrol Committee; Green Mountain Byway; employee memo on annual appreciation; Joe Crisco access permit and Larry Demar zoning violation.
2. **Public Comment** – Bev Potter expressed her concern for slow ambulance response earlier this week when she had to wait almost one hour before any one responded to her 911 call, noting that Cambridge Rescue eventually responded. Bev stated that NEMS was not in service and Morristown was also out of service, leaving only Cambridge rescue to respond. Brian noted that NEMS had previously expressed concern for the NEMS ambulance being used more frequently to cover Morristown and advised that there was a need to improve schedules and coverage between NEMS and Morristown Rescue. Roger will contact the Hyde Park Fast Squad for more information and he agreed to set a meeting date for the two boards.
3. **Delinquent Tax Collector** – Letter received from Marvin Locke. Motion by Brian to accept Marvin Locke's resignation effective December 31, 2015. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Ron provided the board with a memo from the Town Clerk & Town Treasurer, Kim Moulton, expressing interest in filling the duties of DTC until the Town Meeting election.
4. **Road Committee Recommendations** – Dave reviewed the 2012 Road Acceptance Policy and the board discussed the extent of town involvement in moving the acceptance forward on private roads. Ron explained that the deed prepared by Tim Sargent should be reviewed by the town attorney and there are minor survey and culvert header work to complete. Bev stated that there are private sewer lines within the 50-foot strip of land. Dave wanted to send the draft road deed to the town attorney for a preliminary review and cost estimate and the board agreed.
5. **FY2017 Budget** – The Board reviewed the first draft of the town budget with a estimated 2.95% municipal tax rate increase.
6. **Patrol Contract Review Committee** – The Board agreed that Roger and Ron should meet with the other towns to review the patrol contract and services provided.
7. **Green Mountain Byway** – A letter of support to designate VT100 as link in the Green Mountain Byway was signed by Dave Gagnier.
8. **Review minutes:** Motion by Roger to approve the minutes of November 12, 2015, as written. Seconded by Pete. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention (Dave G as he was absent), motion passed.
9. **Review Town Orders** – Motion by Brian to approve the town orders. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
10. **Other Business**
 - i. **Hyde Park LCPC Representative** – Paul Provost has resigned and Ron explained that if any one in the community is interested in regional economic development and transportation issues,

this would be a good volunteer position to consider. The vacancy will be listed in the annual volunteer appeal in January.

- ii. **Memo on Annual Employee Appreciation Amounts** – Motion by Roger to approve the annual appreciation amounts at \$140 for full-time staff, \$70 for part-time and \$30 for others. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- iii. **David Ring – E-Court Appeal** – David Ring explained that he has continually mowed the site until recently when the Manosh dirt pile was placed on the site and he remembers loading coal on this parcel many years ago. David mentioned that there are two other parcels which are hard to find or were controlled by a lease which he is not overly interested in at this time. David objected to the trailhead being located on his claimed parcel and is offering all of his potential interests in the rail corridor to the town or state for \$5,500. David Ring is appealing the DRB decision in Environmental Court. Ron advised that the town should make an appearance in the court case through the town attorney. David Ring handed paperwork to Dave G with the deed history. Dave G questioned the value of the deed history and the parcel to the town taxpayers and should the town pay anything for something that might not exist. Ron explained that the State has no interest in the parcel and feels they own the entire corridor. VTrans explained to David Ring their position and Mr. Ring disagrees based on his own title research. Ron noted that the parcel is not on the tax maps and Mr. Ring advised that he feels the tax map is incorrect. Pete Couture asked if Mr. Ring was interested in donating the parcel to the town or state and he stated that he might just cut wood on it. The Board will discuss again at a later time.
- iv. **Tyler Maynard – Reimbursement Request for Road Repairs.** The Board asked that the town attorney be directed to pursue the lien on the property for the owed amount of \$3,272.17 and costs. The Board talked about the access permit at 501 which still does not have the work completed necessary to comply with the permit conditions, such as a negative grade off the edge of the road. The Board was concerned that this project is costing the town taxpayers money even though they are strongly supportive of new development in Hyde Park. Motion by Pete to have the town attorney pursue a lien on the Maynard parcel for the costs of the road repair in the amount of \$3,272 plus associated legal costs and fees to be added. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- v. **Joe Crisco – Access Permit on Black Dog Lane.** The Board discussed what road improvements are expected for new primitive camps proposed on deficient roads. Roland stated that highway access permit approvals should require negative grades off the town road. Ron noted that the access permits address issues within the town highway right-of-way and the DRB will need to review the access outside the town highway right-of-way. The Board agreed that for this permit, no improvements would be required for the one primitive camp to use Black Dog Lane. Ron noted that Brian Jones is already authorized to issue highway access permits and this one would be issued with the condition of only one new primitive camp being added to the private road. Future development proposals would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- vi. **Larry Demar – Zoning Violations** – Auto Repair without permits. Ron reviewed the situation on VT100 and noted that Larry has been cleaning up the property but in order to close the matter, the town will need to work with the town attorney through an order by the court.
- vii. **Legal Matters** – Motion by Pete to authorize the chair or vice chair to represent the town on the Ring environmental court appeal and to have the town attorney make an appearance on behalf of the town. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Motion by Roger to authorize the chair or vice-chair to represent the town and to direct the town attorney to pursue enforcement of the Demar zoning violations in court. Seconded Brian. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- viii. **Executive Session – Personnel Matter** – Motion by Brian to move into executive session on personnel matter at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. The Board came out of executive session at 8:15 p.m.

ix. **Roadside Brush Cutting** – Chad Bradshaw from Jericho wants to demonstrate a brush roadside chipper along Jones Road and will do the work tomorrow for 2 hours, and if working out well, he could work additional hours at \$100 per hour. Roland will call Chad and if OK with the board the work would be done starting tomorrow morning. Roland noted that Mickey Smith will do a write up on the machine and take photos. Dave G expressed concern for residents objecting to the potential roadside mess, similar to what just happened in Morristown. Roland stated that this equipment will help clean up the roadsides easier and faster than the highway crew. The Board felt that a demo was good if neighbors were notified first. Roger asked about the extra time created in the highway schedule if roadside clearing was contracted and Ryan stated that there was more than enough work for the crew. Dave agreed that if the time was freed up what work would fill it. Roland stated that once the roads are taken back the mower can maintain it and this option reduces the risk of employees getting hurt. Pete stated that a mower that can reach out can easily maintain the cleared ROW to the edge of the ROW and the highway crew will need to follow the contractor to clean up odds and ends and larger trees. Pete stated that spending another \$500 to keep the equipment here all day is a good idea. Motion by Pete to spend up to \$500 to extend the time working on Jones Road, in addition to the free demonstration, but only if the demo work is acceptable and neighbors are notified. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Pete reported that a brush cutter machine with a 20-foot reach can be rented for about \$100 per hour to rent and he is looking at more options for roadside equipment.

11. **Adjourn** – Motion by Roger to adjourn. Seconded by Pete. So voted at 8:36 p.m.