

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 11, 2016**

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Members Present: David Gagnier, Chair; Brian Jones, Vice-Chair; Roland Boivin; and Roger Audet  
Members Absent: Pete Couture  
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Town Clerk & Town Treasurer Kim Moulton; Mark Lehouillier; Ryan Nolan; Beverly Potter; Jim Fontaine; Matt Reed; Theresa Farquharson; Town Clerk Kim Moulton; and GMATV videotaped this meeting.

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

1. Welcome, changes to the agenda. Brian added a discussion regarding replacing the town backhoe.
2. Public Comment – Mark Lehouillier was present to discuss adding the computer controls to one salt truck. Mark noted that Ken Alexander loves his salt control unit and is tracking his usage. Setting up a second truck would cost \$3,500 but the current estimate is that the computer controls save around 30% of salt costs compared to uncontrolled usage. Dave noted that is a significant amount of savings of the annual \$90,000 winter salt budget. Mark also suggested the salt brine option for one truck could be looked at in the future at a cost of about \$5,000. The Board agreed that setting up the second truck should be pursued but funding sources need further discussion.
3. 2015 Town Audit – Kim Moulton provided a brief history of the role of the hired auditor which started in 2006 and recently Glenna Pound has been doing the annual audit. The MD&A is now included and this is the first year that no findings or deficiencies have been identified which is a good success for the town. The unassigned fund balance remained unchanged since the earlier drafts so the projects for the FY2017 tax rate increase discussed at the last meeting are accurate. The Board will review the FY2015 Audit and bring any comments or questions to the March meeting.
4. Mason Road & Hemingway Road – Ron provided an update of the road acceptance process which will need to have someone locate all the pins of each parcel that has frontage on Mason Road. A metal detector will be used to try to find the back pins.
5. Review for 2016 Town Meeting – No one had any questions on the proposed warning or budget. Ron handed out a summary on each article for the Board to review before Town Meeting.
6. Highway Department Matters –
  - a. Discussion on amending the 2014 Road and Bridge Standards to set an 18-foot minimum width for Class 3's. The 02/11/2016 Draft of the Road Policy was reviewed. Jim asked if the Class 4 town highways had to meet any standard and Ron said no, case-by-case review as land development occurs. Jim noted that Class 3 lots are grand-fathered to the standard of the existing road at the time of policy adoption but Class 4 might be required to be upgraded as they are not exempt under the policy. Jim asked if Class 4 roads should be upgraded, if new development is proposed, and Ron stated that that the draft policy would require a case-by-case review to determine

if any upgrades are required. Ryan stated that 18-foot width works in good weather. Jim felt that making anyone upgrade a Class 4 is discriminatory if Class 3's are exempt and suggested that before the amended policy is adopted the board should consider what a proportionate share of expenses would be if an upgrade is required. Roger suggested following the utility company methods of the "first owner in" paying 100% and if new neighbors develop within 15 years, the first owner gets some of the road upgrade costs back.

- b. Purchase order for culverts – Motion by to approve the PO#2016-07 to Johnson Hardware for \$30,000. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
  - c. Update on Tyler Maynard lien for road repairs – Ron reported that Tyler's girlfriend, Shannon, contacted the town and asked what is next now that Tyler had been served with a court summons. Ron stated that he advised Shannon that the quickest resolution would be for Tyler to meet with the Board and pay the costs of the road repairs. Ron stated that the town attorney is handling the matter and Tyler's response to the summons is due March 1st.
  - d. Replace 2006 John Deere Backhoe – Brian provided three quotes for a new backhoe to acquire before the next work season. All three bids were within \$100 of each other. The Board discussed the pros and cons of each noting that John Deere had a 5-yr computer diagnostic subscription and lower trade amount as well as a lease agreement option to get us to the next budget year. The 2006 backhoe is at the end of its 10-year replacement cycle. The Road Commissioner preferred the John Deere. Ryan noted that the CAT is likely to provide more trade-in value, is a little heavier, they also offer a lease agreement and noted that the build time for each manufacturer is about 6 to 8 weeks. Dave asked about the quality of service provided by each dealership. Brian will collect additional information on warranties, service quality issues and try to get some final prices for the next board meeting.
7. Review Monthly Reports – Reviewed the tasks, grants, LCSD monthly and cash accounts reports.
  8. Review minutes – Motion by Brian to accept the January 14, 2016 and January 27, 2016 minutes, as written. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 4 in favor, motion passed.
  9. Review Town Orders – Motion by Brian to accept the January 14, 2016 and January 27, 2016 minutes, as written. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 4 in favor, motion passed.
10. Other Business –
- i. Discuss resolving Ring zoning appeal of LVRT trailhead permit – amend/withdraw town permit? Dave suggested that we amend the site plan to remove the concerns of David Ring and Ron will contact the town attorney in that regard.
  - ii. McMahon Chevrolet Act 250 Hearing - Feb 25<sup>th</sup> with a 4:00 p.m. site visit then hearing following at the town office. Dave Gagnier plans to attend.

- iii. Video-taping of school meetings was discussed and Ron reported that following the last Selectboard meeting he met with Tim from the public access channel. Tim is limited in staffing and funding to cover every school meeting but would do special meetings or train volunteers to video tape the meetings. Kim noted that she does her from residents that more school meetings would be good. Ron advised that residents could go directly to the channel with requests and when town officials hear of requests we could also pass along to Tim or other staff members at Green Mountain Access Television, Ch 15. Dave suggested that the topic could be discussed at town meeting.
- iv. Chief Matt Reed was present. Matt is a resident of North Hyde Park and works for the Vermont National Guard. Chief Reed stated that he should be able to provide a walk-through of the new Guard facility this winter, prior to the contractor starting Phase 2. Eleven full-time employees would be located at the facility. The facility could be used as an emergency shelter with the proper approvals. Chief Reed will let the town know when the walk-through is possible.
- v. Update on LCSD Patrol Committee held 02/04/2016 – Ron noted that the committee last met in 2012 and will meet a few times before meeting with Sheriff. The committee will be meeting again on March 10 to review costs of service and statistics over the past few years compared to other departments.
- vi. Act 46 Merger meeting on Tuesday Feb 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Tech Center
- vii. CEDS plan is ready for review – comments on the draft plan are due to the LCPC by March 14.
- viii. Village Traffic Ordinance – Dave would like to set up a meeting with the Trustees and Roger Marcoux at the end of April. Ron will try to get some dates for a meeting.
- ix. Vacant Selectboard – Due to the open position on the Selectboard resulting from no petitions being submitted by the ballot deadline, if anyone is interested they will need to have at least 20 voters enter their name on the Town Meeting ballot.
- x. Executive Session – Motion by Brian Jones to move into executive session for personnel matters. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

11. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Brian. Seconded by Roger. So voted at 8:34 p.m.