

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK
SELECTBOARD MEETING
MAY 14, 2009**

Present: Scott Griswold, Duncan Nash, Russell Lanphear, Allen Cusson

Others Present: Gary Anderson, Julia Compagna, Jim Ryan, Philip Etter, Susan Premo, Ralph Larson

Scott called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Zackwoods Pond Road

A group of people interested in preserving Zackwoods Pond have received a small grant to improve Zackwoods Pond Road so that runoff from the road won't pollute the pond. Phosphorus levels are rising in the pond water because of the runoff. There's money enough to purchase gravel and culverts, but the group would like to use Town labor and equipment.

The Selectboard is not in favor of having the Town upgrade Class 4 roads because upgrading one may lead to requests to upgrade others.

Philip Etter noted that the project would have the public interest in mind rather than private interests.

The Board would be willing to grant permission to the group to work on Zackwoods Pond Road. Scott would assist by contacting suppliers and contractors that might be willing to help the group.

Duncan Nash and Allen Cusson moved to approve road improvement work on Zackwoods Pond Road by a third party. Any installed culverts will be 18" in diameter. Jim Ryan and Ken Alexander will work together to determine the appropriate solution to mitigate runoff into Zackwoods Pond. Voted unanimously in favor.

2. Town Highway 38 / Webster Road

Ralph Larson reported that he's had conversations with Bruce Barrett and Andrew Lague regarding the Town discontinuing the TH 38 right of way. Bruce would be agreeable to it if he had a right of way over a portion of the road in order for him to access two of his lots.

Julia said that Grassroots GIF, the Town's tax mapper, has identified where the TH 38 right of way is, so that is no longer an obstacle in the discontinuance process. Scott advised Ralph that discontinuing a road right of way has to be for the public good, and it would be up to the petitioner to prove that.

Ralph will let the Town know if he wishes to continue the process of discontinuing the TH 38 right of way.

3. Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District

Harold Bailey, the LRSWMD supervisor for Hyde Park, was unable to make this meeting.

The Board passed over the agenda item.

4. Selectboard Meeting Minutes of April 9

Duncan Nash and Allen Cusson moved to approve the Selectboard Meeting minutes of April 9. Voted unanimously in favor.

5. Hyde Park FAST Squad

Allen reported that the Hyde Park FAST Squad wants to operate on its own and not be an entity of the Hyde Park Fire Department. It would have its own budget and cash accounts.

There was a question about whether the FAST Squad could affiliate with NEMS. Its supplies are already being resupplied by NEMS.

Scott will talk to Newport Ambulance Service to find out about switching the FAST Squad license from the HPFD to a license to operate on its own.

6. Financing Method for Hyde Park Fire Department Pumper

Russell Lanphear and Allen Cusson moved to borrow funds and to make payments with interest for the new HPFD pumper over a period of five years.

Scott was concerned that the Town will go into the 2010-2011 year with a deficit after having added a truck payment close to \$70,000.00.

Voted unanimously in favor on the motion.

7. Insurance for Volunteers

Volunteers are covered for injury while volunteering for the Town.

The Board wants to verify with VLCT PACIF that equipment and structures are insured at replacement cost.

8. 2009 Paving

The Town has awarded the paving contract to Gorman Group.

Russ had concerns about the price per foot. It appears to him that the price is more per foot with 50% less blacktop.

The Board authorized Russ and Ken Alexander to talk to Gorman to straighten out the contract.

9. Dog Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs

Russell Lanphear and Allen Cusson moved to sign the 2009 Dog Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs. Voted unanimously in favor.

10. Driveway Access Permits

Several Driveway Access Permits had been approved by the Road Commissioner and are waiting for the Board's approval.

Allen Cusson and Duncan Nash moved to authorize Scott Griswold to sign eight driveway access permits. Voted unanimously in favor.

11. Town Administrator's Report

The Selectboard reviewed the Town Administrator's Report. No action taken.

12. Selectboard Orders

Allen Cusson and Duncan Nash moved to approve the Selectboard Orders. Voted unanimously in favor.

13. Financial Statements

The Selectboard will review the April financial statements, and if anybody has any questions about them, they will contact Gary.

14. Annual Reviews

Annual employee reviews will be held on Friday, June 12. The Highway Department employees will have their reviews from 7 am to 9am and the Office employees will have theirs from 9 am to 11 am.

15. Other Business

A. Aronovici Lawn Damage

Russ Lanphear will respond to a complaint from Charles Aronovici about his lawn being damaged by the winter snow plowing.

B. Crosswalk Striping

The crosswalk at the Main & Depot Street intersection has been moved closer to Main Street to improve safety.

C. Emergency District # 4

Emergency District # 4 is keeping its mass casualty incident trailer in Morrisville. The two locations used in Morrisville are the Highway Department and the Police Department. District 4 would like an alternate location outside of Morrisville.

Duncan Nash and Allen Cusson moved to permit Emergency District # 4 to use the Hyde Park Highway Department grounds as an alternate location to store the District's mass casualty incident trailer should the Morrisville locations become unavailable. Voted unanimously in favor.

D. Municipal Capital Purchase Policy

Duncan presented a capital purchase policy for the Board to review. After some discussion Duncan will include additional policy on purchase limits and major repairs.

16. Resignation

Gary submitted his letter of resignation as Town Clerk and Treasurer. The resignation will become effective on July 1, 2009.

Allen Cusson and Duncan Nash moved to accept the resignation with regrets. Voted unanimously in favor.

The Board directed Julia to advertise the position as soon as possible.

17. Adjournment

Allen Cusson moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 8:45 p.m. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Anderson
Town Clerk