

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2016**

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Members Present: David Gagnier, Chair; Brian Jones, Vice-Chair; Roger Audet; Roland Boivin; and Lucy Hankinson
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Mark French, Road Foreman

David Gagnier called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

1. Welcome:
2. New Blower Attachment – Purchase Order #2017-06 for \$5,500 was discussed. Mark reviewed the demonstration completed last week noting that the blower removed leaves from the roadway very quickly to reduce the trips required by the grader to move leaves ahead of grading. HP Fairfield would take \$500 of the \$5,900 cost if we combine our order with others. Mark stated that the equipment would be used each fall to clean up ditches and stormwater systems before winter to help with spring rains. Mark explained that maintenance would be low with only one gear box. Brian relayed how well the unit was able to blow out debris from the inside of a cross culvert. Dave asked about needing a second person to perform grading and Mark explained that the road would be cleared of leaves by a second person, but it is done much quicker and also removed the leaves from the road and ditch line with one pass, something that the grade can not do. Dave asked if the blower could be attached to the front of the grader and Brian said that would take away from the grader hydraulics and the setup change would cost at least \$5,000. Mark noted that removing leaves from bio-retention systems would lengthen the time before those systems needed to be cleaned. The Board agreed that it would be a good purchase. Motion by Roland to purchase a new Cyclone Blower PTO attachment for a not to exceed amount of \$5,500 to HP Fairfield and to authorize Dave Gagnier to sign purchase order #2017-06. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. Other Business –
 - a. **LCSD Patrol Services to Eden** – Dave Gagnier reported that Roger Marcoux is seeking Selectboard assistance in encouraging the Town of Eden to contribute funding to LCSD due to increased requests for service that is now being paid for by Johnson, Eden and Hyde Park. Roger Audet will bring the topic up at the next meeting of the three patrol towns planned for later this month.
 - b. **Town Garage** – Mark French asked if the Selectboard could schedule a walk-through of the garage to show areas needing structural attention. The Board will consider that at a future date.
4. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Brian. Seconded by Roger. So voted at 9:05 a.m.