

HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES December 12, 2016

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Members Present: David Gagnier, Chair; Brian Jones, Vice-Chair; Roland Boivin; Lucy Hankinson; Roger Audet

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; State Reps. Dan Noyes & Matt Hill; Nicole Grisgraber; Betty Couchaine; Beverly Potter; Teresa Farquharson; Road Foreman Mark French; NHP/E Fire Chief Eric Aither; Jesse Sheppard; Thomas Sheppard; John Savage; George Cook; Dorothy Cook; Deanna Judkins; David Ring & Jennifer

- 1. Public Comment** – Newly elected state representatives for Hyde Park; Daniel Noyes and Matthew Hill were present to introduce themselves. Dave Gagnier relayed to the state reps that road maintenance costs to Green River Reservoir State Park are an issue, and was an issue with prior boards. Dan and Matt asked that the board send any additional comments or concern to them and they will check into it and report back. Tom Sheppard asked what the positions of the two representatives were on marijuana legalization. Matt stated that there is not enough figured out now to allow it. Tom expressed concern for the children of the state. Dan stated that the methods to keep it out of the hands of children need to be done through regulation and enforcement but he is not now prepared to support it without more details.
- 2. Tourangeau Barn Parcel** – The son of a landowner on Depot Street came in to the town office last week and wanted to know if the Town was interested in a quick sale. The landowner did not appear tonight as he had offered. Ron reviewed the potential high costs of renovating or cleaning up old barns and grant opportunities to assist the town, however, the Board felt that at the assessed value of about \$80,000 there is no interest from the Town.
- 3. Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County (MOWLC)** – Nicole Grisgraber from MOWLC was present to seek an increase to their FY2018 funding amount. Nicole explained that the contribution from other towns is \$0.52 per meal while Hyde Park is now at \$0.38 per meal with \$1,705 now approved by voters. Increasing the town contribution to \$0.52 per meal results in about a \$740 increase for FY2018. MOWLC serves about 4,500 meals in Hyde Park. Betty Couchaine, a resident of Hyde Park and MOWLC board member stated that she supports the meals program as it allowed her to stay home to recover from injury. Dave agreed that the town should increase the amount. Per the Service Agency Request Policy, the Selectboard agreed to ask voters to increase the MOWLC support to a total of \$2,400 for FY2018.
- 4. New Subdivision Road** – The Board reviewed the three road names proposed by landowner Maggie Stewart and the buyer of the 3-lot subdivision. Motion by Brian to approve the use of Hummingbird Lane for the Stewart Subdivision's new private road off North Hyde Park Road. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 5. North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Department – FY2018 Budget Request** – Roger presented the fire department budget which includes \$700 for insurance and \$29,725 for operations, an increase of \$725 over FY2017. Dave expressed his appreciation to the department for their service. Chief Aither invited the board to a pot luck coming up at the fire station on 12/20 at 6:00 p.m.
- 6. Recreation Budget – FY2018 Budget Request** – Deanna Judkins reviewed the proposed recreation budget which is the same as FY2017 with no new capital projects.

7. **Highway Department Matters** – Road Foreman Mark French reported that the roadside brush cutting tractor being rented currently can be purchased for \$54,000. HP Fairfield offered to waive the rental amount, if purchased, resulting in a net cost of \$48,000. Mark asked the Board to consider buying the unit instead of renting each year, noting that the unit has a new head and pins. Mark asked about the draft pay scale policy status and if the Selectboard would be discussing it again, and Dave noted that the board needs to set time aside for that policy discussion. Mark stated the unit could be kept until spring to complete the full 80 hours of use planned for this fall. Dave noted that we have had zero growth in the Grandlist so adding new expenses is difficult. Roland said that he would like to think about the purchase and what to do with the other tractor. Mark noted that the other tractor is used for roadside mowing and has the brush attachments. The FY2018 highway budget was reviewed which results in a \$13,396 increase, or 1.74% over FY2017. A new line item for line striping several paved roads with double-yellow is proposed. Mark and Ron are reviewing for doing all roads each year or putting the roads on a cycle. Bev Potter agreed that centerline painting was needed on Battle Row Road. George Cook agreed and supported the effort to line stripe. Bev asked that the town consider installing reflectors along the edge of Battle Row Road, where fog is likely, until the double-yellow is painted.
8. **FAST Squad** – Ron reviewed the request to increase the annual budget for the FAST Squad to \$5,000 from its current level of \$2,000 per year. The Board would like to meet with Brad Carriere and review the proposed plan to distribute the \$3,000 which is proposed to be a stipend for volunteer FAST Squad responders. The Board would like more data on the number of call outs and when is a response done as volunteer fire fighters, FAST Squad members or both. George noted that they first respond as firefighters, then if medical is needed, one or more FAST Squad members address medical needs. George stated the 911 sign program is now in its 3rd year of five planned; however increasing costs mean that the annual \$3,000 does not go as far as the first year.
9. **Mason Road and Hemingway Drive** – Dave noted that the Board conducted the required road site visit and the public hearing in November and now the Board needs to act to officially lay out and accept the two highways as new town highways. Motion by Roland to approve the Selectboard's Return and accept Mason Road and Hemingway Drive as Class 3 town highways. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
10. **Capital Projects and Reserve Accounts** – The Board reviewed the draft capital plans for highway, fire and sidewalks which included a new brush/equipment truck for Hyde Park Fire and one new truck for the highway department in FY2018.
11. **Casella Transfer Station** – Proposed Designation as Emergency Debris Management Facility. The Board discussed the proposal to amend the facility certification and felt it would be good to have designated and controlled sites in the State, if needed. Ron will contact the state agency issuing the revised certificate and ask if the site will serve the enter county and how long the debris will remain once it is brought to Hyde Park for processing.
12. **Review Monthly Reports;** Town Accounts; Sheriff's patrol report
13. **Review minutes** – Motion by Brian to approve the minutes from 11/14/2016, as written. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
14. **Review Town Orders** – Motion by Roger to approve the town orders. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
15. **Other Business**
 - i. John Mandeville responded to the 11/14/2016 public comments made by David Whitcomb and the Board reviewed John's letter. Dave Gagnier thought the complaint could still be a police matter. The Board will wait and see if the LEDC board addresses the complaint.
 - ii. Lamoille County budget hearing is Jan 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the courthouse.
 - iii. Tyler Maynard – The Diggins Road damage claim and highway access permit enforcement case has been settled with payments totaling \$1,700 to be made by Tyler to the Town over the next five months so this matter is now behind us. New highway access permits for 385 and 501 Diggins Road will be issued when full payment is received.

- iv. LVRT Trailhead; Zoning Appeal – Mr. Ring has agreed to settle the zoning appeal now before Environmental Court. David Ring stated that a coal business was operated on this site along Depot St Extension by his father, and a plaque should be installed to commemorate this history, including the work of George Favreau. Dave Gagnier asked that proposed wording be submitted by Mr. Ring for the town to review.
 - v. Rodman Brook VTrans Grant – Ron reported that the grant for Beaver Lake culvert was not approved, but the State has some funds that could be applied to the AOP project on Cleveland Corners Road and now being managed by Kim Jensen from the Lamoille County Conservation District. Motion by Brian to move forward with the state structures grant application for Rodman Brook on Cleveland Corners Road with Ron Rodjenski as grant administrator, if cash is needed for match, then Ron will come back to the Selectboard. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
 - vi. Better Connections Grant with Village – Ron reviewed the grant opportunity which could support the work now being done by the Joint Village Roads Working Group. The Board would like to pursue this grant to fund technical services, jointly applying with the Village, and a review of a grant application could be done on Jan 9th. The regional planning office staff has agreed to draft the application, which could be in the \$70,000 range with a 10% local match from the sidewalk and pedestrian reserve account. LCPC will contact the Village to review the grant and confirm their interest in applying. The grant is due January 13, 2017.
 - vii. Parking in Village – Roland would like to see enforcement of the winter parking to help improve winter plowing procedures. Ron noted that the Sheriff will not enforce either of the two local traffic ordinances and has asked that there be one ordinance for town roads.
 - viii. Town Meeting Election – Dave G. noted that he is on the fence regarding running for a new term on the Selectboard but may stay if someone else agrees to be Chair, noting that after 7 years it is time for a change. Brian also noted that he hasn't decided if he will run. Dave wished everyone a Merry Christmas!
16. **Adjourn** – Motion by Roland to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Roger. So voted.