

# HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES February 13, 2017

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Members Present: David Gagnier, Chair; Brian Jones, Vice-Chair; Roland Boivin; Lucy Hankinson; Roger Audet  
Members Absent: None  
Others Present: William Veve; Victor Veve; HPFD Chief Ed Webster; Susan Bartlett; Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; GMAVT videotaped this meeting

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1. **Review Agenda & Public Comment:** No changes to the agenda. Fire Chief Ed Webster asked what the board was now thinking about as an alternate to purchasing a new brush/equipment truck. Ed noted that the highway department's 2008 red Chevy plow truck is too long and the station would need a new an addition to store that vehicle. Ed stated that he needs a truck that has space for brush fire gear. Dave suggested modifying the 3-year old highway department foreman's pickup, and Ed noted that although it is newer, that truck has been used for plowing which might require higher maintenance. Susan asked if the current condition of the truck was known and Brian stated that those records could be reviewed. Roland stated that a brush / equipment truck that is 3 years old is a good choice for the taxpayers. Ed noted that the last time the fire department was considering used, the voters approved a new truck. The Board stated that buying a new brush truck is on hold for now while the Board looks at options for a used truck.
2. **NHP Solar 150 kW facility** – Will Veve explained that Lot 4 in the Locke industrial park will be developed with the solar credits being applied to the high school. Will explained that the Public Service Board reviews projects and the Section 248 setbacks for this project are 40 feet to roads and 25 feet to adjoining properties; waivers are needed for the west, south and east sides of the project. Ron noted that the zoning bylaw setbacks don't apply but are shown on the site plan. Motion by Brian to grant the setback waivers for the solar project in NHP as presented on the site plan dated 02/13/2017 and reviewed tonight. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Dave asked what happens with a grass fire under the panels, and Will explained that it is an electrical fire risk and Chief Webster agreed. Will explained that they will cut the vegetation 3 or 4 times per year and the fire department will have access to the main electrical shut off.
3. **Highway Department Matters:**
  - a. Annual Highway Mileage Certification - Motion by Roger to approve the annual certificate of highway mileage; adding Mason Road and Hemingway Drive (0.344 miles combined) and subtracted 0.10 miles for Depot St Extension west of Mill St. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
  - b. 2015 Road Committee Recommendations. The Board discussed the condition and status of the two remaining unofficial town highways, Sylvan Drive and Crabapple Lane. Both roads serve only homes and no public properties. The Board will conduct a site visit to both roads in April.
  - c. HRRR Maintenance Agreement – The Board reviewed the plans for the sign installation along the entire length of Centerville Road and North Hyde Park Road. Motion by Lucy to accept the maintenance agreement, Contract #FM0177, and authorize Dave Gagnier to sign on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
4. **Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending.** Motion by Roger to approve and sign the certificate of no appeal or suit pending. Seconded by Brian. Discussion: This is an annual certificate related to the Grandlist and tax appeals. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
5. **Town Meeting Day** – The Board reviewed the Town Meeting “Bullets” summary of articles to prepare for the meeting.

6. **Monthly Reports** – The Board reviewed the Task List; Grants Watch; LCSD activity report & the Town expenditure report.
7. **Review minutes** – Motion by Brian to approve the 01/09/2017 and 01/30/2017 minutes, as written. Seconded by Roland. Discussion: Dave asked about the minimum hours noted under 4, b on Page 3 of 3 in the January 9<sup>th</sup> minutes for FAST calls. The Board agreed the wording did not need to be amended due to a vote held at the Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the same topic. The Board confirmed that the FAST Squad compensation in FY2018 will be paid in the same manner as firefighters. Fire calls are now paid at an hourly rate set by each member's rank with a one-hour minimum per call. The FAST members will be paid at \$11.00/hour; set by the Board at their Jan 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
8. **Town Orders** – The Board reviewed the town orders presented by the Town Treasurer for payment. Motion by Brian to approve the town orders. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
9. **Other Business and Notices**
  - a. Roger asked about the Ferry St dry hydrant and Ed thought that if the alignment of inlet pipe was adjusted, then it might not continue to fail. Ron will work on a spring repair.
  - b. Ron prepared a "Conflicts of Interest" policy packet to be reviewed by Board before the March Selectboard organizational meeting. The town currently does not have a comprehensive town-wide conflicts of interest policy that would apply to all appointed and elected officials and Ron noted that the state legislature is considering requiring towns to adopt one.
  - c. Dave Gagnier thanked Brian Jones for his time on the Board. Roger invited him back sometime. Lucy brought cake for Brian's farewell - made with duck eggs & enjoyed by all !
10. **Adjourn** - Motion by Roger to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Seconded by Brian. So voted.