

HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES April 10, 2017

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Members Present: David Gagnier, Chair; Roland Boivin; Lucy Hankinson; Roger Audet

Members Absent: Susan Bartlett

Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Barb Potter; Scott Adams; Mark French; Mark Lehouillier; Ryan Nolan; Chief Ed Webster; Chris Jones; Don Johnson; David Shambaugh; Steve Jones Jr.; Dave Thomas; Brad Carriere; Matt Morin; Miranda Morin, Brad McKnight, Deanna McKnight, GMAVT videotaped this meeting.

1. **Site Visit:** 4:45 p.m. at Crabapple Lane and Sylvan Drive. Present: Dave Gagnier, Lucy Hankinson, Roland Boivin, Roger Audet, Mark French, Ron Rodjenski, and some adjoining landowners along Crabapple Lane and Sylvan Drive.
2. **Agenda & Public Comment:** No changes to the agenda. **Barb Potter** asked that two trees hanging over the sidewalk on Depot Street that could be candidates for the 2017 Canopy Grant. Barb expressed concern for illegal snow dumping on her parcel and cautioned that it is damaging her property. A small concrete cap on a well is also at risk during sidewalk plowing. The town's stormwater culvert discharges onto her property which is identified as a wet area by the State, especially on the inside (west side) of the new sidewalk and that location isn't a good place for dumping snow. The Road Foreman will share the information with the village crew. Matt Morin, owner of land on **Levesque Drive**, stated that he feels the property assessments along Levesque Drive need to be lowered due to an Act 250 permit issue. Ron noted that it was a state permit issue that lawyers were working on last week. Ron reviewed the process of issuing local permits and the statutory grievance and abatement process. Dave referred Matt to the town listers to discuss the assessments.
3. **Crabapple and Sylvan** – Discussion on two unofficial town highways. Mark French noted the turnaround should be longer and the Board asked for a project cost estimate for legal, survey and culvert replacement with 16-foot wide travel lanes. Dave recommended working on Crabapple Lane first and to review the cost estimate at the Board's May meeting.
4. **Depot St Extension** – The Board agreed to pursue discontinuance of Depot St Extension or reclassifying as public trail and Ron will bring a cost estimate for the acceptance process to the Board's May meeting.
5. **Comp Time** – The highway crew has been earning comp time. Dave suggested paying the comp time down twice per year, at the end of summer and end of winter. Lucy would like to see other examples of comp time use from area towns and Ron will bring the information to the Board's May meeting. Dave noted that it might be time to modify the comp time policy.
6. **2017 Class 2 Paving Grant** – 0.8 miles of North Hyde Park Road. Motion by Roland to authorize Ron Rodjenski to submit the grant and process related grant paperwork for North Hyde Park Road. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
7. **Extend Health Care Benefits** – Mark French confirmed that Kenny is interested in being an on-call employee. Motion by Roland to offer the extended health benefits to Kenny Alexander. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Motion by Roland to offer the on-call highway equipment operator position to Kenny Alexander, effective May 1, 2017. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
8. **Town Fire Department** – Discussion on brush truck replacement. Chief Webster stated that he had obtained some new equipment quotes and discussed what body type is preferred by the

firefighters. Chief Webster is looking for some direction on what the Selectboard will support, new versus used equipment, that will replace the existing 40-yr+ old brush truck. Roland stated he would support new and Dave asked for a complete setup cost for new equipment, including radios, etc.

9. **2017 Slate of Officers** – Motion by Dave to approve the Slate of Officers for 2017. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
10. **Tax map maintenance contract with CAI, Inc.** – Motion by Roland to authorize Ron Rodjenski to sign the annual contract for \$1,800 with CAI. Seconded Roger. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
11. **Monthly Reports** – Task List; Grants Watch; Town Accounts
12. **Review minutes** – 03/13/2017 Minutes Deferred to May.
13. **Town Orders** – Motion by Roger to approve the town orders. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
14. **Other Business and Notices**
 - a. Ferry St Animal Bite – Ron reported that the request for a Selectboard vicious dog hearing was withdrawn and the Town Animal Control Officer is monitoring the situation.
 - b. The Board reviewed an email from David Ring offering to sell two lots he owns near the LVRT for \$5,600. Ron noted that there are two plats recorded; one in Slide 109 and one in Slide 111 showing the difference of opinion on where the Ring claimed parcel is located. Susan Bartlett has agreed to meet with David Ring and report back to the Selectboard in May.
 - c. VLCT PACIF site visit to highway garage – The Board reviewed the proposed Action Plan dated March 28, 2017 to correct minor deficiencies observed within the town garage. Dave thanked the highway crew for the good work to have a good inspection.
 - d. Zoning Amendments – Motion by Roger to set a special meeting on April 17th at 6:00 p.m. to receive the planning commission's proposed zoning amendments. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
15. **Adjourn** – Motion by Roger to adjourn. Seconded by Roland. So voted at 7:45 p.m.