

HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES May 8, 2017

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Members Present: David Gagnier, co-Chair; Roland Boivin; Lucy Hankinson, Co-Chair; Roger Audet; and Susan Bartlett
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Bob Malbon; Beverly Potter; Road Foreman Mark French; Mark Lehouillier; Michael Griggs; GMAVT videotaped this meeting.

1. **Agenda & Public Comment** – Bev Potter thanked the Board for accepting Mason Road as an official town highway. Bev noted that the public access channel is now posting meetings online which she finds very helpful as she does not attend all meetings. Bev expressed concern for the delay in replacing the town fire department's brush truck. Bev asked that the town expedite the purchase. Bev noted that she spoke with the fire chief and she feels a new smaller vehicle could replace the larger pumpers on some trips and a gasoline vehicle could save fuel costs compared to diesel. The Board is waiting for bids to review. Dave thanked Bev for her comments.
2. **Village Center Designation** – Bob Malbon from the Town Planning Commission described the designation process, reviewed the proposed Village Center area which surrounds the North Hyde Park post office. The Commission is recommending that the Selectboard approve the resolution to submit the North Hyde Park Village Center Designation application to the State. The Board agreed that designation benefits, such as tax credits, may encourage redevelopment along VT100 and no negative impacts were identified. Motion by Roland to approve the resolution to apply for Village Center Designation for North Hyde Park. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. **Highway Department Matters:**
 - a. Paving Bids 2017 – Mark French summarized the bid results opened last Thursday with J. Hutchins, the low bid at \$65.50 per ton. Dave asked who was J. Hutchins, and Mark responded that they are new but their crew is made up of workers that have paving experience. Carpenter Hill Road and Garfield Road are on the list for paving. If a state paving grant comes through more will be done on North Hyde Park Road. Sterling View Road needs a rebuild in one section and could receive a complete overlay depending on how far the \$220,000 paving budget goes which is dependent on the amount of material used for the shim coat. Dave noted that it is custom to go with a low bidder and Mark French felt comfortable with the level of worker experience brought to the new paving company. Motion by Roger to approve the J. Hutchins bid proposal for \$65.50 per ton. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Motion by Roland to authorize Ron R. or Mark French to sign the paving contract when it is ready. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
 - b. 2008 Chevy Replacement – Lucy recommended putting "little red" out to bid. The highway crew has bids for its replacement with a 5500-model truck; Goss Dodge at \$41,981, Formula Ford at \$44,761, and Foster Motors Dodge at \$42,898. Mark F. presented set-up quotes from HP Fairfield at \$47,841 and Viking Cives at \$58,150. Mark F. reviewed the pros and cons and noted that he is recommending the add-on of \$2,900 for stainless steel frame to reduce the body maintenance costs. Removing the wing from the quote would reduce the quotes by \$7,000 or so. Dave asked for information on extended warranties and the final cost of body without a plow. Mark said he wanted to try a Dodge. Dave suggested that traveling to Middlebury for minor repairs to the Dodge will cost more over the long-term than going to Hardwick for Ford repairs. Mark will come back with a complete cost for the truck in a purchase order, possibly meeting at a special meeting to approve the purchase order.
 - c. Summer Work Plan – Mark French reviewed the upcoming summer highway work plan. The option of accruing comp time was discussed, versus getting paid overtime, after the budgeted overtime is expended. Ron will bring comp time information to the June board meeting, including any comments from the town attorney regarding changes in personnel policy.

- d. Crabapple Lane Acceptance – Motion by Roland to authorize up to \$2,000 to hire a land surveyor to confirm that the built road is within the area on the recorded road survey. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
 - e. 2017 Bike-Ped Grant – Ron asked if anyone had project ideas. This year's grant applications are due to the State by July 14th. No action taken, tabled to June.
 - f. Discontinuance Request for Munson Road TH27; Class 4 - Ron reported that he met with Frederic Gluck who has asked that the Class 4 road which serves only his home be changed to a private road. The Board asked Ron to contact other landowners of similar Class 4 roads to see if there is any additional interest in reclassification before beginning the formal reclassification process.
 - g. Rodman Brook Culvert Replacement – A VTrans grant has been awarded for the first part of this project and federal funds will complete the second phase through a grant from Kim Jensen's office at Lamoille County Conservation District. A preconstruction meeting is needed to clarify the amount of town highway work involved.
4. **PUBLIC HEARING – Zoning Amendments –** Dave opened the public hearing and asked for any public comment, none received. Motion by Roger to close the hearing on the zoning amendments. Seconded by Lucy. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Motion by Lucy to adopt the April 17, 2017 zoning amendments. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
 5. **Monthly Reports –** Task List; Grants Watch; LCSD; Town Accounts were reviewed.
 6. **Minutes –** Motion by Roger to approve the 03/13/2017, 04/10/2017 and 04/17/2017 minutes, as written. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
 7. **Review Town Orders –** Motion by Roger to approve the town orders as presented by the town treasurer. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
 8. **Other Business and Notices:**
 - a. **March 18th Selectboard Institute Notes –** Susan reported that there should have been more time at the workshop to discuss issues with other attendees. Susan noted that the use of Robert's Rules of Order was discussed and use of them can lead to procedural matters that are complicated and could be avoided with a simpler set of rules. Lucy noted that being on the board for a year helped and she also missed the networking opportunity. Susan offered that one suggestion to improve Village/Town communications was to invite VLCT in for a joint workshop to provide clarity on overlapping issues. Susan attended the annual Village meeting last week and will keep working on improving communications with the village.
 - b. **Village Roads Working Group –** Lucy suggested that she is agreeable to step aside to allow the Board to seek a new town volunteer, now that Susan is on the Working Group as the Selectboard representative.
 - c. **Act 250; Levesque Drive.** Ron reported that there has been no response yet from the State regarding the Selectboard's request for a neighbors' meeting. Dave reported that Matt Morin feels the Act 250 issue is resolved per a letter he has. Dave will contact Matt about obtaining a copy of the letter for the file.
 - d. **Fire Equipment Reserves –** Susan asked about the fire reserve accounts and Roger confirmed that half of the funds for North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Department trucks come from Eden. Roger stated that three bids should come in for all new equipment. Roger noted that the current town fire brush truck was not part of the regular fleet, but was accepted from the State, for one dollar. The department's old rescue truck was sold to North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Department when the third town fire department pumper was purchased. Roger noted that mutual aid was established in the county to share equipment and reduce costs for all departments, but in recent years, each department has added more and more of its own equipment, such as Jaws of Life. The Board is waiting for Chief Webster to return with brush / equipment truck bids for a new vehicle.
 - e. **Access Permits –** Motion by Roland to authorize Lucy to sign to highway access permits. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
 - f. **Don Johnson –** Fire Department Employee – The wake is 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the fire station this Wednesday night. Roland noted that a fund has been set up to help with burial costs. Dave noted that this was a special situation with a long-term volunteer. Motion by Roland to send \$200 donation to the fund set up for Don Johnson. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
 9. **Adjourn –** Motion by Roger to adjourn. Seconded by Roland. So voted at 8:50 p.m.