

**Joint Meeting
Town Working Group
& Village Working Group**
February 27, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
344 VT15 West

Members Present: Tim Yarrow, Jim Fontaine, Susan Bartlett, Lucy Hankinson, Dan Young, Ken McPherson
Others: Ron Rodjenski

1. Agenda Review, Additions and/or Deletions: Lucy opened the meeting at 6:07 p.m. No changes to the agenda.
2. Minutes: Motion by Tim to approve the minutes of January 23, 2017, as written. Seconded by Tim. Voting: 6 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. Open Public Comments: No public comment received.
4. Town Working Group, report by the Chair, Lucy Hankinson: Lucy and Tim stated nothing new to report.
5. Review summary of current grants and prior studies:
 - Ron handed out the 02/25/2017 Road List that now included a list of prior grants and transportation projects for the Village of Hyde Park.
 - The Better Connections proposed grant is still pending an award decision and if approved, that work would support this committee's work, with the grant period ending in September 2018.
 - The Committee asked about feasibility studies to show how the Village can be more fully developed with mixed uses. The Committee agreed that a livable, walkable, bike-riding atmosphere creates an environment for investment by commercial entities.
 - Infrastructure improvements is a first step to initially benefit the village, but then eventually draw in new residents and businesses.
 - The school renovation should add to the draw of moving to Hyde Park.
 - Restaurants may find it hard to be supported by just local residents.
 - Discussion on whether the water and sewer service areas would be expanded. Question of what is the treatment capacity for wastewater system and water supply improvements, both under review now by the trustees and general manager. Scaled infrastructure to future needs is important so we are not over-investing.
 - Better traffic flow in and out of the village will improve the pedestrian and bicycle experience.
 - A committee goal is to make sure all future capital investments are done wisely.
 - Parking is a high priority with sidewalks and facilitating business development.
6. Next Steps: Waiting for Better Connections Grant decision.
7. Next Meeting: Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room.
8. Adjourn: Motion by Tim to adjourn, seconded by Jim. Meeting Adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Submitted by Ron Rodjenski