

**Joint Meeting
Town Working Group
& Village Working Group**
May 22, 2017 – 8:15 a.m.
344 VT15 West

Members Present: Tim Yarrow, Co-Chair; Lucy Hankinson, Co-Chair; Susan Bartlett, Dan Young, and Ken McPherson

Members Absent: Jim Fontaine

Others: Ron Rodjenski (8:55 a.m.); Mark French, Hyde Park Road Foreman; and Richard Grogan, interested resident – possible new member of town group

1. Welcome & Agenda Changes: Tim opened the meeting at 8:16 a.m. No agenda changes.
2. Open Public Comments: No public comment received.
3. Co-Chair Reports: Lucy announced that she would withdraw from the VRWG and Susan Bartlett would take over Lucy's role as the Town Chair of VRWG and the Selectboard Liaison to the VRWG. Lucy introduced town resident Richard "Dick" Grogan, as a yet-to-be appointed Town representative to the board. Dick currently works for the Town of Stowe Water Department, and will bring considerable relevant experience to the VRWG. Tim had no new information to report.
4. Discussion:
 - Susan briefly discussed attending the Village Trustee meeting on Thursday 5/18 in which Dufresne Henry engineer, Naomi Johnson presented the following: "Condition of Water System Assets Report that was a product of the 2016 – DWGWPD-AMP-21 \$20,000 grant award to the Village to develop an asset management program for the water department. The report described the existing conditions of the water system, the engineering hydraulic analysis results, identified deficiencies and recommendations for improvements, a schedule and cost estimates for the proposed improvements, as well as a financing alternatives." [quoted from proposed (unapproved) Village 5/18/2017 Minutes].
 - Susan expressed optimism about the report and the ability of the Village to address the situation of its' aged water infrastructure below the Village streets.
 - Susan initiated discussion about the generally rough condition of the village sidewalks. Discussion followed exploring possible ways for winter snow-moving/removal from sidewalks that has the potential to be less damaging to the sidewalk surface. Discussion also included a means in which the sidewalks could be patched in a manner that had the potential to last for approximately 5 years until a more permanent surface could be applied to the village sidewalks.
 - The group discussed the two traffic ordinances (2004 and 2015) and how to merge them into one Hyde Park ordinance
 - This group could develop positive working relationships on ordinances, road maintenance and capital projects through improved communications
 - The biggest question appears to be where the money will come from for all of the projects
 - Ken asked if the group could move to making more formal progress on issues and Tim noted that water and sewer engineering studies would be forthcoming.
 - Ken suggested focusing on the ordinance issue in the near term and Dick asked for specifics on sidewalks, such as square footage, length and condition assessment
 - Tim noted that a recent application to the Northern Border Regional Commission could provide much needed funding for water system repairs
5. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 8:15 a.m. in the Community Meeting Room. The Group agreed to move the regular monthly meetings to the 4th Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m.
6. Next Steps:
 - Ron to collect existing sidewalk data for group review in June.
 - Susan to check on ordinance issue with Sheriff
 - Tim to ask Carol R. for water asset information to share with group
7. Adjourn: Motion by Tim to adjourn, seconded by Jim. Meeting Adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Submitted by Ron Rodjenski and Tim Yarrow