1 2 3 4	HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES September 26, 2017
4 5 6 7	All minutes are draft until approved by the Selectboard; please check future minutes for approval of these minutes. Meetings may be videotaped; recordings are held by Green Mountain Access Television. GMATV info: PO Box 581, Hyde Park, 05655; <u>info@greenmountainaccess.tv</u> or 802-851-1592
8 9 10	Members Present: David Gagnier, Co-Chair; Lucy Hankinson, Co-Chair; Roger Audet; Susan Bartlett; Roland Boivin Members Absent: None
11 12	Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Eric Williams, Town Planning Commission; GMAVT did not videotape this meeting.
13	 Agenda & Public Comment – No public comment or agenda changes.
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	2) MRGP impacts on landowners – The new state permit for local highways will be issued in 2018. Future upgrades to town roads to reduce erosion will require installation of new drainage systems which are likely to impact existing driveways, residential or commercial. For exmaple, if the town drainage system is pushed out to the edge of the public ROW to create a negative grade off the town road shoulder (from the B-71 & A-76 Standard), the beginning of the driveway may then exceed the zoning bylaw's 8% maximum slope requirement. What amount of work will homeowners need to pay for, if any, to maintain compliance with the zoning bylaw. The cost of maintaining the new stone lined ditches was discussed and Roland noted that in some situations, grass swales would work on steep grades (over 5%) and be cheaper to maintain. The Board asked that LCPC set up a meeting with Jim Ryan to focus on long-term maintenance costs of the new drainage systems that will be incurred by taxpayers. Karen Horn at VLCT may have additional information to share with the Board regarding town costs and the 20-year timeline to comply with the MRGP.
27 28 29	3) Traffic Ordinance – Susan reported that the ordinance is on hold right now and that she will be meeting again with the Village on October 16 th ; including reviewing a \$1,300 invoice from Walker Construction for repairs to the access to the Village's solar plant on Silver Ridge Road.
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43	4) Driveway Grades – Eric Williams was present from the Town Planning Commission. Eric is reviewing the town zoning requirements for driveway slopes, noting that complying with the 8% maximum slope is difficult and costly and landowners should have options to construct steeper driveways. Eric noted that it would still be important to provide a good access for fire service, protection of streams and limits negative impacts on neighbors. Susan noted that at some point, poorly constructed roads that are difficult to maintain will catch up with the community and need to be fixed. Dave wondered if landowners with an access that exceeds the 8% slope requirement could be put on notice that fire service may not be possible. Dave advised that town regulations that restrict growth need to be looked into. Roger noted that there are plenty of existing driveways and roads with steep slopes in Hyde Park. Susan offered that if landowners are allowed to exceed 8%, then zoning could provide options that still provide sufficient access for emergency services and protect against erosion. Eric stated that he is just beginning to look at options, noting that other area towns have incorporated them into their bylaws or policies.

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- 5) Next Policy Meeting: Fourth Tuesday, Oct. 24th at 5:30 pm: Topic: Roadside Mowing Policy. 44
- 6) Adjourn Motion by Susan to adjourn. Seconded by Roger. So voted at 7:15 p.m. 45