

1 **HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD**
2 **MEETING MINUTES**
3 **October 9, 2017**

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7 Members Present: David Gagnier, Co-Chair; Lucy Hankinson, Co-Chair; Roger Audet; Susan Bartlett;
8 Roland Boivin
9 Members Absent: None
10 Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Sheriff Roger Marcoux; Shelby Cross; Christine
11 Cooney, Hyde Park Cemetery Commission; Nioka Houston, Hyde Park Cemetery
12 Commission; Bob Falker; Sally Cole, NHP Cemetery Association; GMAVT videotaped
13 this meeting.

14 Dave opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- 15 1) **Welcome, Agenda Changes** – No changes to the agenda. Shelby Cross appeared to report that her
16 son, Hayden, was recently questioned by the Sheriff’s Department about a suspicious fire on North
17 Hyde Park Road last week. Shelby expressed concern that her son was questioned without having
18 anything to do with the fire, but simply drove by the incident, and that someone directed a firefighter to
19 use their personal car to follow the car and get the license plate, which resulted in the investigation by
20 the Sheriff. Roland noted that Hayden’s car description was in the News and Citizen last week, which
21 raised some concern that it was negative report when there was nothing wrong and the rumors in
22 school are not good. Roger Marcoux stated that he would look through the policies and procedures of
23 LCSD and invite Shelby into a meeting.
- 24 2) **Village Cemetery on Church St** – Discuss on-street parking near cemetery fence. Judy Lanphear
25 was present on behalf of the Cemetery Commissioners advising that tenant parking along the west
26 side of Church St. is creating damage to the fence along the road. The landlord, across the street, is
27 believed to be plowing the roadside and pushing snow into the fence. The Commissioners would like
28 to see a highway ordinance to prevent parking along that side of the road, along the cemetery fence.
29 The Commissioners have not talked to the landlord yet and Susan offered to meet with the landlord.
30 Roger asked the Town to let him know how LCSD can help. Susan will keep Judy informed of any
31 decisions taken by the Board.
- 32 3) **North Hyde Park Cemetery Association** – Sally Cole, Chair of the North Hyde Park Cemetery
33 Association, was present to inform the town of the recent vote to abolish the Association and turn over
34 the burial grounds to the Town. Sally will continue with operations as usual through the end of this year
35 then turn over everything to the Town. Sally noted that she is the only one that is working on the
36 cemetery and she is tired. Sally will inventory all the stones with Jim Heath for structural integrity and
37 provide recommendations for maintenance, noting there are no available plots, but there are some
38 spaces for cremation urns.
- 39 4) **FY2019 Budget Preparation for Town Meeting Day**
- 40 a) Roger Marcoux – LCSD communications budget is prepared and is now about 2.97% higher
41 compared to last year. Roger noted that the communications advisory group is meeting soon.
- 42 b) Roger Marcoux – The assessment for Hyde Park’s portion of the LCSD patrol budget is proposed
43 to be 4.74% over last year; \$386,066 compared to \$368,561. Roger noted that he wants to get to
44 a capital budget line that provides for replacement of patrol vehicles, which in the past has been
45 supported by one-time funds from other sources. Norm Andrews reported that the towns have
46 always paid \$15,000 toward new vehicles and Roger has made up the rest. Norm developed a
47 replacement plan for seven cruisers and the SRO vehicle; with eight vehicles needing to be
48 supported by the patrol budget. Roger has offered to provide \$100,000 over four years to help fund
49 the capital plan; with the towns paying \$35,000 in FY2019 (not \$15,000). The vehicles would be
50 traded at 6 years. Norm stated that the cost of vehicles needs to be accounted for from regular
51 funding, not one-time funding which may not always be available. Norm offered two scenarios with
52 reducing the \$35,000 to \$25,000, which reduces the assessment increase from 4.74% to 3.79%

1 and if reduced to \$20,000, then the assessment increases by 3.35%. Roger noted that under the
2 current patrol contract there are six patrol deputies and one detective and 1/3 of the supervisor
3 position that is shared with communications & court duties. Roger noted that the communications
4 department is fully staffed with a good crew. Roland asked about the prescription drug collection
5 program and Roger Marcoux advised that work is being done with non-patrol funds, using retired
6 deputies or staff on special assignment. Roger noted that he is aware of increasing property taxes
7 and he appreciates that the Selectboard is trying to keep the budgets to a zero increase. Roger
8 Audet asked about the fleet maintenance costs and Roger Marcoux agreed to look at it, cruiser by
9 cruiser, and Norm agreed that maintenance records are available. Susan noted that the state
10 legislature is looking at requiring municipalities to contract with a police service, including
11 dispatching. Roger noted that Lamoille County has been paying for emergency dispatch services
12 since the mid-1970's, while some towns in Vermont still pay anything. Roger Marcoux stated that
13 changes to statewide dispatching are also being considered. Roger Marcoux noted that Dave
14 Gagnier was recently hired by the Sheriff's Department for provide service of legal papers and he
15 needed someone that knew the area well. Dave stated that he would not vote on Sheriff budget
16 issues due to his new position with LCSD.

17 c) **Review Outside Service Agency Funding Request Policy** – deferred to November meeting.

18 5) Highway Matters

- 19 a) Discussion on recent state award for federal funding for highway-related stormwater improvements
20 along West Main Street and Johnson Street Extension under the State's Environmental Mitigation
21 Grant Program. Motion by Susan to accept the federal grant award of \$435,825 and sign the
22 Project Commitments Form. Seconded Lucy. Discussion: Susan noted that state grants could
23 reduce the local match requirement of about \$100,000. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 24 b) Purchase Order FY2018-05. Motion by Roger to approve purchase order FY2018-05 to Cargill for
25 winter road salt in the amount of \$85,000. Seconded by Lucy. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion
26 passed.
- 27 c) Purchase Order FY2018-06. Motion by Roger to approve purchase order FY2018-06 to SB Collins,
28 and other vendors, for diesel fuel in the amount of \$65,000. Seconded by Roland. Discussion: Dave
29 advised that the diesel needs to be treated before use. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

30 6) Town Highway Reclassifications or Discontinuances

- 31 a) **TH69 – Orchard Terrace Class 3** – Discontinue loop (0.05 miles) – Bob Falker and Norm Andrews
32 were present to discuss the road's history. Norm offered that the town road could be terminated at
33 the cedar hedges at the Flaker line, noting that a number of years ago, a prior owner of the Flaker
34 home would have the loop driveway at the end of Orchard Terrace paved and then he would
35 reimburse the town. Norm thought that the town has plowed the loop for the past 40 years. has
36 always plowed the loop. Bob noted that he has been there for 2 ½ years and the plowing takes the
37 Orchard Terrace snow onto his side yard and the town grader pushes it off and he no longer wants
38 the snow deposited there. Dave asked about the snow discharge area options and Norm agreed
39 that the town plow does push snow onto Bob's parcel. Norm stated that stopping at the hedges
40 would require an easement for a turnaround area. Norm noted that the town attorney has advised
41 the town that plowing driveways results in those becoming public and needing to be discontinued.
42 Bob was OK with stopping at the hedge row and Norm was OK with talking about a turnaround.
43 Dave noted that a snow pile could be left at the hedge row.
- 44 b) **TH09 – Langdell Loop** - Class 4 from North Hyde Park Rd to end (0.33 miles)
45 Above deferred for new information and a neighbors' meeting. Motion by Susan; Seconded by
46 Roger to move forward with discontinuance hearings for:
- 47 i) TH68 – Webster Road from end of Class 3 to Grimes Road (1.02 miles)
48 ii) TH27 – Munson Road from Cleveland Corners Rd to end (0.05 miles)
49 iii) TH73 – Unnamed Class 4 from Cleveland Corners Rd to end (0.05 miles)
50 iv) TH44 – Bornemann Road from end of Class 3 to Town of Eden (0.25 miles)
51 Discussion: Norm asked about the process to reclassify which may need a petition to bring about
52 reclassification. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

- 1 c) **Highway Access Permits:** Brent Cookson (Wildlife Lane); Change of Use (Phoenix Finishing);
2 Change of Use (Veve Solar Plant); Todoroff Farm LLC (barn commercial use). The Board
3 discussed the option of waivers and how granting waivers impacts roads, future road standards
4 and the risk of delaying or not seeing potential new development. Brent Cookson's project was
5 discussed and a site visit on Wednesday, October 11th at 7:45 a.m.
- 6 7) **New Road Name** - Jones Road Subdivision – Motion by Roger to approve “Old Barn Road” for the
7 Jones 4-lot subdivision off Jones Road. Seconded by Roland. Discussion: Dave noted that this name
8 is appropriate considering the two of the oldest barns in Hyde Park are located nearby. Voting: 5 in
9 favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 10 8) **Errors and Omissions** – Motion by Roger to approve the errors and omissions reducing the
11 Grandlist by \$1,200. Seconded by Lucy. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 12 9) **Traffic Ordinance Review / Towing for winter plowing:** Susan reported that she is meeting with
13 the Village next Monday and will report back to the Board.
- 14 10) **Review Monthly Reports** – Task List; Grants Watch; LCSD; Town Accounts
- 15 11) **Review minutes;** 09/11/2017 and 09/26/2017 deferred until November.
- 16 12) **Review Town Orders** – Motion by Roger, seconded by Roland to approve the town orders. Voting: 5
17 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 18 13) **Other Business & Notices**
- 19 a) Census 2020 – Local Update of Census Addresses – Ron recommended not to participate and
20 the Board agreed.
- 21 b) MRGP with Jim Ryan and town officials – 2:00 PM, Wed. Oct 11 – Johnson Offices
- 22 c) Green Mountain Byway Fun Event – 6:00PM, Thurs. Oct 26th – GMTCC, Hyde Park
- 23 d) Planning Commission Municipal Plan Hearing – 7:00 PM, Mon. Nov. 6th – Town Offices
- 24 e) Policy worksession – Tuesday, October 17th at 8:15 a.m. Compensatory time, overtime and
25 training policies.
- 26 f) Roland noted that the work on the town garage is going well, but would go faster if there was
27 more help provided.
- 28 g) Dave noted that the culvert at Rodman Brook needs to be crushed and moved to a recycling
29 facility.
- 30 14) **Executive Session:** Motion by Susan to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.
31 Seconded by Lucy. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 32 15) **Adjourn** – Hearing no additional comments, the Board adjourned at 9:15 p.m.