HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2017

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Members Present: David Gagnier, Co-Chair; Lucy Hankinson, Co-Chair; Roger Audet; Susan Bartlett; Roland Boivin
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Road Foreman Mark French; Brent Cookson; GMAVT did not videotape this meeting.

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1) **Agenda & Public Comment** – No public comment or agenda changes.

2) **Town Road Policy Modifications** – Brent Cookson was present to discuss modifications to the A-76 Road Standard for his subdivision off Trombley Hill Road. Brent is adding one house lot to an existing 3-house private driveway, resulting in the driveway being classified as a road. Roland and Mark French visited the site to understand where the road standard was not met and to discuss options to protect the road, even if modifications to the policy were allowed. Brent stated that the access has been in place for 17 years and no one has raised concerns for non-compliance in the past. Susan stated the Board needs to be clear about why a waiver might be granted for existing access points, noting that a new project would likely not receive waivers. Ron stated that town staff is following the current town policies and referring any non-compliance issues to the Selectboard. Lucy stated that waivers could make sense if water is controlled and kept out of the road. Dave asked that the town attorney be contacted for guidance on issuing waivers and the level of town liability if town standards are required to be met for some landowners and waived for others. The Board asked for legal guidance on how the town should best address the policy waiver/modification in the future. Brent Cookson's pending request for a 4th house could be approved by Lucy as the highway liaison if the beginning of the access is paved to prevent water from entering Trombley Hill Road. Brent stated he could get that work done next week. The Board will review the attorney's advice at their monthly meeting in November.

3) **Traffic Ordinance** – The Board reviewed a draft traffic ordinance that included speed limits, stop signs and winter parking ban with a towing process. Roland suggested that before towing happens, a warning notice on pink paper be left on the car's windshield. The ordinance, if adopted today, would become effective in 60 days. <u>Motion by Roland to adopt the 2017 Hyde Park Traffic Ordinance. Seconded by Lucy. Discussion: Ron noted that this ordinance covers the highways in the town and village so it is a Hyde Park ordinance. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.</u>

4) **Winter Plowing Staff** – The Board discussed the need to have a regular fifth employee for the upcoming winter plowing season. Mark French noted that the 5th person is needed, even when not snowing to help with repairs in between storms, and has been the practice for many years. The Board asked Mark to check in with Ken Alexander and see if he can fill the seasonal spot. Mark noted that if Ken is not available, then an ad for the position should go out.

5) **Executive Session** – <u>Motion by Roland to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by Roger. So voted.</u>

6) **Adjourn** – Dave asked if there was any additional business, and hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.