

1 **HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD**
2 **MEETING MINUTES**
3 **January 8, 2018**

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6 *Hyde Park, 05655; info@greenmountainaccess.tv or 802-851-1592*

7 Members Present: David Gagnier, Co-Chair; Lucy Hankinson, Co-Chair; Roland Boivin; Roger Audet;
8 Susan Bartlett
9 Members Absent: None
10 Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Charlie Aronovici; Brent Lanphear, Scott Audet and
11 Marvin Whitcomb, from the NHP/Eden Fire Department; GMAVT videotaped this
12 meeting.

13 David opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

14 1) **Welcome, Public Comment & Agenda Changes** – No public comment. Ron asked to add two agenda
15 items: Ecosystem Restoration Grant and Easement for Center Cemetery.

16 **Joint Economic Development Board** – Ron provided some history on the JEDB and the flat growth in the
17 Grandlist which is a perennial concern of the Selectboard. Charlie stated that some town funding for
18 low or no interest loans to locate or relocate businesses to Hyde Park should be pursued. Charlie
19 noted that Hardwick took advantage of a state grant to start their economic development goals,
20 which includes a revolving loan fund supporting the food industry. Susan noted that starting a
21 program with a small amount, like \$4,000 of the \$8,000 now being paid by the Sterling View Mobile
22 Home Park annually, would be attractive to potential new businesses. Susan noted that both
23 legislative bodies could review a new mission statement to expand the group's activities beyond tax
24 stabilization agreements. David noted that the concept seems to make sense with the JEDB
25 reviewing applications and recommending uses of the new funds to the Selectboard. The JEDB was
26 asked to review and present a new mission statement to include use of reserve funds and then
27 present to both the Selectboard and Trustees for approval.

28 **2) Highway Department**

29 a) **Class 3 and 4 Discontinuances** – The Board discussed the Municipal Roads General Permit coming
30 into effect later in 2018. Board members agreed that some public ROWs should be preserved for
31 future generations. Some roads are not serving a public function and could be discontinued. A site
32 visit and public hearing will be scheduled for about 60 days out from now on the following five roads
33 with the final decision following the public hearing:

34 (1) TH27 (**Munson Road** – Entire Class 4); Discontinuance

35 (2) TH73 (**Unnamed** at Garfield Crossroad – entire Class 4); Discontinuance

36 (3) TH69 (**Orchard Terrace** – end only Class 3); Discontinuance

37 (4) TH44 (**Bornemann Road** – end only Class 4); Reclassify

38 (5) TH38 (**Webster Road** – north end Class 4); Reclassify

39 b) **“Sink Hole” project - Hyde Park STP MM18(11)/EH05(37)** Grant Agreement #CA0476 will combine
40 two grants and fund stormwater and sidewalk improvements in the West Main Street area of the
41 Village of Hyde Park. Motion by Susan to authorize Ron Rodjenski to sign the state grant agreement.
42 Seconded by Roger. Discussion: This agreement merges the EH05 village grant with the new
43 Municipal Mitigation grant. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 Against, motion passed.

44 c) **ANR Ecosystem Restoration Centerville Brook** - Ron reviewed this project which was originally
45 approved to move forward in September 2017 with the Lamoille County Conservation District. Now,
46 due to administrative changes, the Town will apply directly to complete this project. Motion by Susan
47 to approve the letter of support and apply for the ERP grant. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor,
48 0 against, motion passed.

1 3) **FY2019 Municipal Budget Worksession**

2 a) **NEMS** – Mike Paradis from Newport Ambulance sent an email advising the town that the lower of
3 two ambulance draft budgets should go forward to the voters for NEMS funding in FY2019. The lower
4 proposed budget is \$94,100 for FY2019, compared to \$78,000 in FY2018. A second higher number
5 original proposed by NEMS was about \$104,000 and would have been used for personnel expenses.

6 b) **Fund Balance** – Ron explained that at the current maximum of 15% of revenues there is about
7 \$230,000 of excess funds over the 15% and the policy requires the over amount to be reduced. The
8 Board could increase that to 20%, leaving \$110,000 over 20%. The Board asked that the \$110,000
9 be applied to needed projects in the draft budget that would not be recurring expenses and to special
10 projects that could be presented to voters for approval. Ron will redraft the warning and budget with
11 the goal of getting the proposed tax rate increase below 3% compared to the current rate.

12 c) **NHP/Eden Fire Attack Truck E1** – Brent Lanphear was present with Scott Audet and Marvin
13 Whitcomb from the North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department. Brent noted that John Savage was
14 recently voted in as the new Fire Chief replacing Eric Aither. Brent advised that the department priced
15 out four trucks and is seeking town approval to pursue purchase of a new attach fire engine, referred
16 to as “E-1”, with a cost of \$330,000. Ron advised that the Town Treasurer will be asked to work with
17 the Town of Eden on a joint loan and final wording for an article for town meeting with truck costs split
18 by the two towns.

19 d) **Personnel Matters** – Motion by Roger to move into executive session to discuss personnel.
20 Seconded by Lucy. So voted.

21 10) **Monthly Reports** - The Board reviewed the LCSD monthly report and Town Cash Account Report.

22 11) **Review minutes;** Motion by Roland to approve the 12/11/2017 and 12/2/207 minutes, as written.
23 Seconded by Roger. Voting 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

24 12) **Review Town Orders** – Motion by Lucy to accept and approve the orders submitted by the Town
25 Treasurer, seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

26 13) **Other Business & Notices**

27 a) Chauvin and Town of Hyde Park – Ron reported that a recent zoning issue has resulted in the town
28 attorney recommending that a joint zoning permit application be submitted to the Development
29 Review Board for approval of a vehicular easement at 51 McKinstry Hill Road that serves the Center
30 Cemetery. Motion by Susan to authorize Dave or Lucy to sign the permit application. Seconded by
31 Lucy. Discussion: Ron noted that the public hearing will be January 30th. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against,
32 motion passed.

33 b) The Board set January 29th at 5:00 p.m. for a special meeting to approve the town budget and present
34 to town voters and sign the Town Meeting Warning.

35 c) Better Connections Grant – January 11th at Governor’s Mansion 10 am to noon

36 d) LCPC Confirmation Hearing on 2017-2025 Municipal Plan is set for Jan. 23rd 5:40 p.m.

37 e) Lucy noted that with the recent very cold conditions, the Second Congregational Church opened as
38 a temporary shelter. It was made possible through support from the Lamoille County Sheriff’s
39 Department, Lamoille Restorative Center, St. John’s in the Mountains, and lots of volunteers from
40 the community. Lucy said it was amazing to see everyone come together to help eight community
41 members last weekend. Dave noted that the school was open for residents needing shelter during a
42 recent power outage near Bornemann Road.

43 f) Church St Parking – Dave noted that tenants are still plowing and parking in the ROW near the
44 cemetery fence. Susan noted that the issue needs to be reviewed in the context of policy or ordinance
45 since there are other similar situations in the Village.

46 g) Town Loader – Dave reported that new pin and bushing for the loader would cost \$2,000 and loader
47 tires can be found at lower cost than first estimated, to which Roland agreed. Dave will contact Mark
48 French to discuss further.

49 14) **Adjourn** – Motion by Roger to adjourn. Seconded by Lucy. So adjourned at 8:47 p.m.