



VILLAGE OF HYDE PARK

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Minutes of January 11, 2018

The duly warned regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on January 11, 2018 in the Town Community Room.

Trustees Present

Frederika French, Chair
Jack Anderson
Charlie Aronovici
Tim Yarrow
Peter Gallo

Others Present

Carol Robertson, General Manager
Ken McPherson

Riki French called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The agenda was approved, with the addition of a report on the Joint Economic Development Board. There were no public comments. Motion by Tim Yarrow and second by Peter Gallo to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on November 22, 2017. Charlie Aronovic did not attend the meeting and abstained. The motion carried. The warrants were approved and signed. Detailed delinquent accounts were reviewed for all departments.

The GM presented the petition drafted at the Board's request by Village Attorney Jeremy Hoff, Esq.

TOWN OF HYDE PARK PETITION TO EXEMPT THE HYDE PARK SOLAR, WATERHOUSE PROJECT FROM PROPERTY TAXATION

We, the undersigned persons, registered voters of the Town of Hyde Park, Vermont, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2642(a)(3), hereby petition the Town of Hyde Park to warn, and include for a vote at the March 6, 2018 Town Meeting, the following article:

1. Shall the Town of Hyde Park exempt the Hyde Park Solar, Waterhouse Project, a 1 MW solar electric generating facility owned and operated by the Village of Hyde Park Electric Department, from municipal real and personal property taxation as permitted by 32 V.S.A. § 3845?

We further certify, under the penalties of false statement, that the names and addresses we have each set forth below are true and correct and each of us is eligible to vote on the matter set forth.

PRINTED NAME **STREET ADDRESS** **SIGNATURE**

Following discussion, motion by Tim Yarrow and second by Charlie Aronovici to approve the petition as presented. There was a discussion about ways to notify Town registered voters and gather signatures. The motion carried unanimously.

Tim Yarrow, Chair of the Village Roads Working Group (“VRWG”), gave an update on the Joint Village Roads Working Group and requested Board action to expand the scope of authority of the VRWG. There was a lengthy discussion. Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Tim Yarrow to approve a letter of support to accompany the Better Connections Grant due by the end of January, as follows: *“The Board of Trustees of the Village of Hyde Park supports the collaborative planning efforts between the Town and Village. The Joint Village Roads Working Group is appointed and supported by the respective Boards to work together in pursuit of the Better Connections Grant and subsequent related grant projects.”* Following further discussion, Charlie Aronovici abstained and the motion carried. Ken McPherson departed the meeting.

Charlie Aronovici gave a report on the Joint Economic Development Board.

The GM reviewed the Solar Operations and Maintenance Agreement, which is included in the 2018 budget. The GM reviewed the operations of the Electric Department, Water Department, Wastewater Department and General Department.

The GM requested an executive session and presented the purpose. Motion by Tim Yarrow and second by Peter Gallo to enter executive session at 9:00 p.m. following a specific finding that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage related to the negotiating or securing of real estate purchase or lease options. The motion carried unanimously. Motion by Peter Gallo and second by Tim Yarrow to end the executive session at 9:13 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, motion by Charlie Aronovici and second by Tim Yarrow to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. The motion carried.

Riki French, Chair

Date