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HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES March 6, 2018

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Members Present: David Gagnier, Co-Chair; Lucy Hankinson, Co-Chair; Susan Bartlett; Roland Boivin; Roger Audet

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; GMAVT did not videotape this meeting.

Dave opened the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

1. **Welcome, Public Comment & Agenda Changes** – No agenda changes.
2. **Hyde Park Better Connections Grant Award** – Dave stated that the Town was awarded the Better Connections grant last week and the state is looking for a decision to accept the grant. Ron noted that if accepted the next step would be signing the Project Commitment Form and executing a grant agreement. Motion by Susan to accept the \$63,000 Better Connections Grant and authorize Ron Rodjenski, as the Local Project Manager, to sign any required grant documents for the project. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. **Highway Department Union Paperwork** – Ron reported that the Town received a 02/27/2018 letter from the Vermont Labor Relations Board (VLRB) notifying the Town that three members of the highway department are seeking to form a union. Ron handed out the state letter and his letter to the VLRB, dated 03/05/2018, confirming the three employees seeking to join the IBEW Local 300 were current town employees. Some Board members were surprised to hear the process had begun to join a union. The Board will discuss this matter at their regular monthly meeting on March 12th and the town attorney will be invited to advise the Selectboard by telephone, instead of being asked to attend the meeting in person. A Selectboard response to the State's letter is due by March 15th.
4. **Adjourn** – Motion by Roger to adjourn. Seconded by Roland. So adjourned 8:51 a.m.