

1 **HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD**
2 **MEETING MINUTES**
3 **March 12, 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; Susan Bartlett; Roland
8 Boivin; Roger Audet

9 Members Absent: None

10 Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Liz Courtney; Brian Jones; GMAVT
11 videotaped this meeting.

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

13 1. Public comment & changes to agenda: No public comment; agreed to move town orders to the
14 beginning of the agenda per the request from the town treasurer.

15 2. Review Town Orders: Motion by Roland to approve the town orders as presented by the town
16 treasurer. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

17 3. Selectboard Organizational Meeting:

18 a. Chair – Dave stated he was not interested in continuing as Chair after 9 of his 10
19 years on the Board as the Chair. Dave is willing to help as needed, as a member.
20 Roland nominated Susan as Chair and after hearing no other interest from other
21 members, Seconded by Roger, so voted.

22 b. Vice-Chair – Roland nominated Lucy, seconded by Roger, so voted.

23 c. Appoint Clerk of the Board – Roger nominated Ron as Clerk of the Board, seconded
24 by Susan, so voted.

25 d. Assign Liaisons to Departments; accepted by all:

26 i. Fire – Roland

27 ii. Sheriff & Ambulance – Roger

28 iii. Administration, Economic Development, Community Relations - Susan

29 iv. Highway – Lucy

30 v. Library, Recreation – Dave

31 e. Review & Adopt the Board Rules of Procedure (2012) – Motion by Lucy to readopt
32 the 2012 Rules of Procedures. Seconded by Roland. So voted.

33 f. Review proposed Conflict of Interest Policy for all employees & volunteers – Deferred
34 to a separate worksession.

35 g. Set official newspaper for Public Notices & Set Board's monthly meeting day & time.
36 Motion by Roger to continue with News and Citizen and maintain 2nd Mondays at 6:00
37 p.m. Seconded by Roland. So voted.

38 4. Interview for Town Planning Commission – Two 4-year terms: Liz Courtney and Brian Jones
39 were interviewed, and both provided personal backgrounds and why they were interested in
40 serving on the commission. Liz Courtney left the meeting.
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- 1 5. 2018 Amendments to the Town Land Use and Development Regulations:
- 2 The Board reviewed the proposed zoning regulation amendments submitted by the Town
3 Planning Commission. Ron noted that tonight's action item was not to adopt the amendments
4 but determine if any changes were required before setting a public hearing date. If adopted after
5 the proposed Selectboard hearing on April 9th, the amendments would become effective April
6 30, 2018. Motion by Lucy to accept the January 15, 2018 amendments, as presented by the
7 planning commission, and set a public hearing for April 9th. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in
8 favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 9 6. Possible Executive Session: Motion by Roger to move into executive session to discuss
10 contracts & labor agreements per 1 VSA 313. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against,
11 motion passed. The videographer for GMATV and Brian Jones left the room at this point.
- 12 GMATV and Mr. Jones returned following executive session.
- 13 7. Highway Department Petition to Unionize; Received March 1, 2018. Motion by Roger to select
14 the option of a consent election as provided in the Vermont Labor Relations Board letter.
15 Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 16 8. Highway Department (Ron)
- 17 a. Better Connections Grant Application Update – \$63,000 Awarded 02/27/2018. Discuss
18 creation of “Better Connections Steering Committee” to guide the work of the technical
19 assistance team. Ron noted that a grant agreement was the next step then a meeting of
20 the Steering Committee. Motion by Lucy to appoint the six members of the Village Roads
21 Working Group to the Better Connections Steering Committee. Seconded by Roger.
22 Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 23 b. Discuss Mutual Aid to Neighboring Highway Department, including materials &
24 equipment. Ron updated the Board on the history of sharing of municipal resources with
25 neighboring towns and what limits on sharing should be established by the board for town
26 departments. Dave noted that using some materials on an emergency basis could
27 happen, but for materials, like gravel, then why not use the commercial pits. Susan noted
28 that it would be important to determine what is an emergency and Dave noted things like
29 a road washed out that is preventing access to a public facility would be an emergency
30 not needing Selectboard prior review. Roland noted that Morrystown recently removed
31 1,155 yards of material from the Hyde Park gravel pit for a muddy road and he felt the
32 material could be returned at some point when the Morrystown town pit is operational.
33 Dave said that sharing municipal resources wasn't his main concern, but Hyde Park
34 taxpayers own the pit, not Morrystown, and it is important to preserve the life of the pit.
35 Ron will work with Morrystown Town Administrator and report back to the board.
- 36 c. Summer Work Plan; Paving Bid Document; Line Striping; Major Projects – Deferred to
37 April meeting.
- 38 9. Discuss mission for possible short-term committee; develop “Landowners’ Local Permit Guide”.
39 Ron will prepare a list of community members interested in working on this project.
- 40 10. Slate of Officers and Committees for New Terms – Motion by Roger to approve the 2018 Slate
41 of Officers. Seconded by Lucy. So voted.
- 42 11. Tax Stabilization Agreement – EMC Properties, LLC – Ron noted that the value over the 6-year
43 term is about \$2,200. Motion by Lucy to approve the Tax Stabilization Agreement with EMC
44 Properties, LLC. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

- 1 12. Release of Glebe Lands rights for Estate of Robert E. Barnes; 24 VSA 2406 – Motion by Lucy
2 to direct the Town Administrator to refer the request to the town attorney to prepare the releases
3 if the petitioner first agrees to pay the town’s legal bills. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor,
4 0 against, motion passed.
- 5 13. Liquor Licenses – Ten Bends Brewery & VFW – Motion by Roger to approve both liquor license
6 applications. Seconded by Lucy. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 7 14. Review Monthly Reports: Task List; Grants Watch; and monthly LCSD activity report.
- 8 15. Review minutes. Motion by Dave to approve the 02/12/2018 and 03/06/2018 minutes, as written.
9 Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 10 16. Other Business & Notices
- 11 a. LVRT Trailhead Brownfields Public Meeting is March 19th at 5:30 p.m. (lower level).
- 12 b. Selectboard Institute – Saturday March 24th.
- 13 c. Discuss Policy Work Sessions: A schedule needs to set for these special meetings.
- 14 d. Green Park West Road – Neighbors' Meeting to Discuss Road Construction. Ron will set
15 up a group meeting with the various town boards and neighbors.
- 16 e. The State’s notice regarding their submission of a Green River Reservoir State Park
17 Shoreland Protection Permit for a proposed storage shed was received.
- 18 17. Adjourn – Motion by Roger to adjourn. Seconded by Lucy. So adjourned at 9:03 p.m.