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Selectboard MEETING MINUTES August 13, 2018

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7 Members Present: Susan Bartlett, Chair; Dave Gagnier; Roland Boivin and Roger Audet
8 Members Absent: Roger Barry
9 Others Present: Valerie Valcour; Town Fire Chief Ed Webster; Sheriff Roger Marcoux; Kevin Judkins
10 and Ally Judkins; and See Sign-In List with 30 attendees.

11 Susan opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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1. **Welcome & Agenda Review & Public Comment ~ Dave Gagnier** apologized to the taxpayers for a politically incorrect statement he made last month, if it offended anyone; also for referring to Sterling View Mobile Home Park. Dave noted that a second comment about not wanting the television to be on during meetings he would not apologize for. **Kevin Judkins** explained that he had to repair a 9" lip at his Garfield Road residence and submitted a bill to repair the driveway and install a stable swale while also setting their mailbox at the proper height. Roger Barry did visit the site after Ron visited the site and Roger advised to the Judkins that asphalt grindings could help but he did not report back to the full board. The request was for just over \$300. Motion by Roger Audet to pay the bill. Discussion continued on the work done in the town right-of-way. Dave thought it was partly the town's fault for a delay in responding to the citizen request. Roland noted that paying for driveway repairs could open up a can of worms. Dave seconded Roger's motion with the condition that this is a one-time event and won't be a regular practice. Voting: 3 in favor, 1 against (Roland due to risk of opening up to other claims), motion passed.
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2. **Valerie Valcour, Vermont Department of Health ~** Community Wellness Presentation; 3-4-50: Prevent Chronic Disease. Valerie explained what the 3 risk factors, leading to 4 health impacts and 50% of Vermont deaths. Those present discussed the community assets such as Green River Reservoir, sidewalks, recreation paths, pocket park, bike racks at library and open spaces. Healthy Lamoille Valley provides no smoking signs with multiple messages at the Oxbow and other local public places. Valerie noted that she is working with larger businesses, schools and municipalities and some agencies are partnering with VDH to encourage healthy communities – good health is contagious. Susan explained that residents using roadways is one reason that they recent requests for speed limits has made tonight's agenda.
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3. **Brad Carriere, Hyde Park Emergency Management Director ~** Brad explained that he has been researching information and costs for an emergency generator to operate the fire station's radio, phone, furnace, kitchen, lights, etc. Brad explained that Roger Barry suggested looking at bulk purchases but so far Brad has found that a new generator setup is \$16,000 to \$18,000. Chief Webster stated that the Town of Wolcott has the Sheriff's donated generator. Sheriff Marcoux noted that when the county generator recently went down he was helped by other agencies, but he is making improvements for his energy needs that won't impact the towns. Brad felt that a smaller propane unit for the fire department would work. Dave suggested that a lease might work. Brad noted that he has two quotes currently. A 12-kilowatt generator, serviced twice per year, should work fine for the fire station with automatic weekly testing. Sheriff Marcoux noted he was looking into a 20-kilowatt system for the former Ring parcel and would share his information with Brad. Brad noted that a new propane source would be needed on top of the generator cost. Brad will bring back some information to the Board. Susan noted that the costs of public services is increasing across all fire, police and emergency medical services, including a reduction in volunteers to support those services. Susan asked that the emergency providers in the community develop and present to the Board what they are facing for required training, equipment and vehicles so the community can understand the needs of those services over the next 5, 10 and more years. Dave noted that the school costs are 67% of the property tax bill and the rest supports all other

1 the public services. Brad noted that the departments do make funding and grant requests based on
2 national standards. Susan explained that she is interested in looking forward, so the community can
3 understand the need. Brad encouraged members to visit the department. Roger suggested looking at
4 a 5-year plan for capital and major operational equipment such as turn out gear and hoses. Susan
5 suggested that reserve fund investments could help meet some of the future needs of departments.
6 Brad encouraged the board members to reach out to the Chiefs when there are fire department
7 questions.

8 **4. Traffic Ordinance: Speed Limits & Parking Restrictions** ~ Ron reviewed the ordinance draft. Joan
9 Green supported the draft ordinance with 40 MPH on Trombley Hill Road; Center Road might work at
10 50 MPH on upper part, not the lower section. Sheriff Roger Marcoux stated that he has bought two
11 speed carts that get abused and he is funding solar speed signs for each of his three patrol town. Sgt.
12 Chris Watson noted that the speed carts have been shot at, beer bottles smashed on them and also
13 tipped over. Joan Green supported continued use of speed carts noting Trombley Hill is not a safe
14 road, particularly in winter. Sgt. Watson noted its hard to improve compliance and the signs help for a
15 brief while. Sheriff Marcoux noted a county enforcement officer could assist in local ordinance
16 enforcement along with his six patrol deputies. Sgt. Watson stated that he is on the back roads during
17 the day if they are not completing paperwork at the office. Sheriff Marcoux reviewed the most recent
18 statistics for his patrol services, including 112 tickets in the last six months in Hyde Park, and twice that
19 many warnings being issued. Sheriff Marcoux noted that Johnson has recently received more calls due
20 to special events, but typically 40 percent of the time is in Hyde Park and Johnson with 20% in Wolcott.
21 Sigh Searles noted that speed limit discussions have been going on for a couple of years with recent
22 reckless driving comments on Front Porch Forum. Sigh asked that the Selectboard adopt this ordinance
23 for safety for the town. Susan explained that the traffic and engineering study would be done to support
24 the proposed limit. Ellen Gibs noted that Trombley Hill Road is the main access to the state park and
25 40 MPH seems too fast but now, without signs, it is a problem. Bob Stevens noted that 50 mph on
26 Center Road, where he lives, is really fast during the morning and afternoon commute. Mary Compagna
27 stated that she lives on Mead Road, a gravel road, with no posted speed limit and she would like to
28 see a posted limit due to a day care on the road. Andy Compagna stated that he drove Mead Road
29 and felt that 25 mph is fine for that road, noting that the gravel section of Centerville Road should be
30 posted with a lower speed going down the hill on to the paved section of Centerville Road. Troy Hayford
31 on Centerville Road and thanked the Sheriff's Department for random patrols with changing times for
32 enforcement from day to day. Sheriff Roger Marcoux suggested that citizens can volunteer with a
33 handheld radar to then take photos of speeders and then Sheriff could send letters to ask them to slow
34 down. Sheriff Marcoux explained that he would work on enforcement and Susan suggested adding
35 "Share the Road" signs. Ron explained that the process would take 90 days for "fast track" roads and
36 longer if data is not available. Robert Laird suggested looking at roads under ½ mile if in a development,
37 like Windy Knob and Grimes Road. Judy Womack on Silver Ridge Road, which is posted at 35 mph, is
38 still an enforcement issue with cars going much faster. Susan offered to talk to the owners of Light
39 Logic about encouraging employees to drive slower on the local roads. Stacey Emerson in North Hyde
40 Park's 35 MPH on VT100 is not adhered to by many drivers. Carol Fano from McKinstry Hill Road has
41 observed drag racing down Center Road and summer traffic from Cooper Hill Road on McKinstry Hill
42 Road; noting perception of speed and actual speed can be an issue. Robert Clarke stated that the sight
43 distance required for a new driveway on 50 mph road is more than 35 mph and keeping the 50 mph
44 results in many driveways that are not in compliance. Susan noted that speed limit needs can be
45 addressed in two years. Sigh thanked the Board for moving forward. Barb Potter stated that Depot St
46 drivers are pretty good at slowing down if she is walking along the road.

47 **5. Purchase Order #2018-16;** Town Fire Department presented a purchase order for turn out gear for
48 just over \$11,000. VLCT Grant funding will provide about \$3,500. Motion by David to approve Purchase
49 Order #FY2018-16 for turn out pants and coats in an amount not to exceed \$11,500. Seconded by
50 Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. David thanked Chief Webster for his work with
51 the department. The Board discussed fire department personnel files and Chief Webster said the
52 training records are kept at the fire station and all other personnel records and I-9 forms, etc. are also
53 on file with the Town Office.

- 1 **6. Highway Department**
- 2 a. Sinkhole Project – Received status report from Doug Weber, Summit Engineering; possible
- 3 construction in 2019.
- 4 b. Better Connections Grant – Meeting to plan for the Hyde Park Home Day Event is scheduled
- 5 for August 14 at the library.
- 6 c. Battle Row Road – Culvert & Paving Project (VT100 to Marcoux Road) – Ron reported that one
- 7 bid came in and the Board discussed. The Board suggested replacing the culverts but also
- 8 reclaiming the surface prior to a base course of paving, then finish paving in 2019. Motion by
- 9 Roland to reject all bids and direct Mark French to work on the Battle Row culvert replacements
- 10 with Lamoille Construction and J. Hutchins on the paving project for this Fall's work. Seconded
- 11 by Roger. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 12 **7. Errors and Omissions Change to Grandlist –** Motion by Roger to approve the errors and omissions
- 13 corrections to the Grandlist as submitted by the Town Listers. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor,
- 14 0 against, motion passed.
- 15 **8. Create Town Investments Committee –** Ron provided some examples of methods for investment
- 16 that would allow funds to be available but also earn interest. Susan noted that the 13 checking accounts
- 17 could be reviewed by the committee with any recommendations needing to be accepted by the
- 18 Selectboard. Motion by Roger Audet to create a town investment committee. Seconded by Roland.
- 19 Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Next step is reaching out to the community for a few
- 20 interested volunteers.
- 21 **9. Review Monthly Reports; Task List; Grants Watch; LCSD; Town Accounts**
- 22 **10. Review minutes; Motion by Roger to accept the minutes of 07/05/2018, 07/09/2018, 07/16/2018 and**
- 23 **07/23/2018, as written. Seconded by David. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.**
- 24 **11. Review Town Orders – Motion by David to approve the town orders presented by the town treasurer.**
- 25 **Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.**
- 26 **12. Other Business & Notices**
- 27 a. Update on LVRT Trailhead / Brownfields Construction – Ron reported that the 6" gravel cover
- 28 and no parking signs are done, now need to install a 4-foot high fence to complete the
- 29 remediation work which could possibly be an Eagle Scout project.
- 30 b. Thank you to Permit Guide Committee members. The Board was pleased with the guide
- 31 produced in a short period of time. Motion by Roger to sign a thank you letter to the permit guide
- 32 committee members. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 33 c. Hazard Tree \$2,400 with Michel's Tree Service working with Tree Warden Bob Whalen on
- 34 Barnes Road and Johnson St Extension. Motion by Roland to approve Michel's Tree Service
- 35 for hazard tree removal on Barnes Road and Johnson Street Extension. Seconded by Dave.
- 36 Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 37 d. Green Mountain Byway – Plan updated for Hyde Park – A meeting is set for this Wednesday at
- 38 the library to finalize and submit to State of Vermont seeking Byway extension to Cambridge.
- 39 **13. Possible Executive Session:** Not required. Susan reported that the town attorney is able to meet with
- 40 the Selectboard tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. at the town office on Local 300's proposed employment contract.
- 41 The Board agreed to continue this discussion tomorrow at 3:00 p.m.
- 42 **14. Adjourn ~ Motion by Roger to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in**
- 43 **favor, 0 against, motion passed.**