

1 **Selectboard**  
2 **MEETING MINUTES**  
3 **September 10, 2018**

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7 Members Present: Susan Bartlett, Chair; Roland Boivin; Roger Barry and Roger Audet  
8 Members Absent: Dave Gagnier  
9 Others Present: Carol Fano; Road Foreman Mark French; Dan Currier; Ron Carter, Cambridge; Riki  
10 French; Amy O'Toole; Richard Bailey; John Zicconi, VTTrans; Tricia Follert,  
11 Morristown; Tom Jackman, Stowe; Nick Crandall; Bill Minter; Steve Lotspeich,  
12 Waterbury; Stephen Donohoe; Brad Carriere, HP Emergency Management Director;  
13 Sigh Searles; Barbara Baraw; Rob Moore, LCPC; Ryan Murphy, LCPC; Tucker  
14 Clancy; Elisa Clancy; and Tom Barnes

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

- 16 1. **Welcome, Agenda Review, Public Comment** ~ No changes to the agenda and no public comment.
- 17 2. **Public Hearing:** State Transportation Board; Green Mountain Byway Extension to Cambridge. Richard  
18 Bailey, Hyde Park resident and VT Transportation Board member, was present as Hearing Officer for  
19 the T-Board, John Zicconi was present as T-Board secretary, and Rob Moore, LCPC planner,  
20 presented the information on the Green Mountain Byway. The current GMB serves Waterbury and  
21 Stowe along the VT100 corridor. If extended, the GMB would continue along the VT100 corridor north  
22 and then follow VT15 westerly, ending in Cambridge. Public hearing minutes were taken by the T-  
23 Board. The public hearing was closed at 6:30 p.m.
- 24 3. **Traffic Ordinance:** Speed Limits – Review and Consider Adoption – Ron reviewed the 09/10/2018  
25 draft ordinance. Elisa Clancy asked if curve sections could be done first with lower speed limits and the  
26 Board felt the budget constraints would impact how quickly signs are installed. Steve Donohoe asked  
27 for increased speed enforcement on Main Street and at the Church and Main interseccion. Susan stated  
28 that adopting the ordinance could happen now, and the Board would budget for new signs. Motion by  
29 Roger Audet to adopt the 09/10/2018 draft of the Hyde Park Traffic Ordinance and begin to work in  
30 sign installations as the budget allows. Seconded by Roger Barry. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion  
31 passed.
- 32 4. **Road Policy & Signs** – Nick Crandall and Stephen Donohoe were present and asked that the Class  
33 4 section of TH #59, the Ten Bends Drive and Railroad Drive sections of TH#59, be graded and  
34 roadsides mowed one time this fall. Mark French stated that this level of Class 4 maintenance was  
35 approved last year by the Selectboard. Mr. French estimated that the time spent would be about 45  
36 minutes to grade. Steve Donohoe stated that other towns maintain the Class 4's once per year and  
37 taxpayers should get some minimal road maintenance on their Class 4. Motion by Roger Barry to  
38 approve the grading and mowing of Railroad Drive and Ten Bends Class 4 once this fall. Seconded by  
39 Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Tucker Clancy sent a letter to the Selectboard  
40 dated 09/03/2018. Tucker was present and stated that he feels a bus stop ahead sign on either side of  
41 the hill is needed for his bus stop. He noted that the bus stop is on a blind spot curve coming from town,  
42 and people drive really fast. Elisa stated that the bus stop was at Stevens Lane and there were 14  
43 homes coming out of Stevens Lane at the blind intersection making exiting onto Garfield Road difficult.  
44 Susan suggested working on new signage for the school bus stop. Motion by Roger Barry to install the  
45 school bus stop signs. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. "Share the  
46 Road" signs were discussed, and Ron noted that the federal sign guidelines seem to be headed toward  
47 not allowing the Share the Road signs. Ron asked Rob Moore to investigate allowed signs for the  
48 required 4-foot separation for the Passing Vulnerable Users law and Rob agreed to investigate options  
49 for the town. Sigh asked the Board to look at the end of Garfield Road for "Yield Signs" to help with  
50 slowing vehicles at the intersections. The 2017 Road Policy amendments were handed out and will be

1 reviewed in October. Mark French asked about improvements to the Class 4 Zack Woods. Motion by  
2 Roland to approve grading and mowing on Zack Woods Road once this fall. Seconded by Roger Audet.  
3 Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

4 0. **Carol Fano**, Hyde Park Emergency Management Coordinator candidate – Carol introduced herself  
5 Paramedic from 1986 for 20 years and was a Haz. Mat. tech then switched to health care IT and has  
6 a degree in fire science. Carol is interested in emergency management and has ICS training. Brad  
7 stated that a priority for Hyde Park would be getting the Selectboard members updated on the Incident  
8 Command System and prepared for emergency situations. Motion by Roland to appoint Carol Fano as  
9 Hyde Park Emergency Management Coordinator. Seconded by Roger Audet. Voting: 4 in favor, 0  
10 against, motion passed.

11 1. **Town Investments Committee & Mission Statement** – The Board approved the creation of an  
12 investments committee last month. Two residents have agreed to be appointed and meet with the Town  
13 Treasurer. Motion by Roland to appoint Gary Anderson and Norm Andrews to the Investment  
14 Committee. Seconded by Roger Audet. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

15 2. **“Connect Hyde Park” steering committee** – Tom Barnes introduced himself as a member of “Stowe  
16 Vibrancy” and a new Hyde Park resident that expressed interest in helping with the Better Connections  
17 project after seeing a posting on Front Porch Forum. Tom is an operations supervisor for Green  
18 Mountain Transit. Susan explained that the Selectboard is looking at to engage with new residents on  
19 projects like Better Connections, so it is great to have new folks want to join the group. Amy O’Toole  
20 introduced herself as a teacher and track coach and wants to support the project. Amy noted that the  
21 high school cross country team is using the rail trail for training. Susan noted that Brickett Bailey is also  
22 interested in the project as a village resident looing to improve connections for residents. Motion by  
23 Roger Barry to appoint Tom Barnes, Amy O’Toole and Brickett Bailey to the Connect Hyde Park  
24 steering committee. Seconded by Roger Audet. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

25 5. **MPG18 Resolution** – Ryan Murphy was present to review the MPG18 planning grant that would  
26 evaluate the FEMA Community Rating System Study and whether is would be beneficial to Stowe and  
27 Hyde Park, with Wolcott possibly joining as a third town in the application. Ryan explained that points  
28 would be given for steps taken to address flood presentation and resiliency and Hyde Park is doing  
29 some eligible tasks already which could help reduce flood insurance premiums for landowners. Ryan  
30 explained that the town’s local match would be zero because the grant is a consortia application. Susan  
31 noted that she is currently enrolled in the flood insurance program and didn’t want to appear that she  
32 would get a benefit from this grant. Ron advised that this grant application is to study the benefits of  
33 enrolling, not to enroll. Motion by Roland to approve the consortia grant application under the MPG  
34 program to evaluate the CRS benefits to Hyde Park landowners. Seconded by Roger Audet. Voting: 4  
35 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

36 6. **Sand Pile Report** – Mark French reported that this year, the 2018-2019 winter sand pile was put up in  
37 10 days with a second loader in the sand pit to load trucks, and in years past the crew would take 18  
38 to 32 days with only town owned equipment. The **firewood project** for the county is planned for Sept  
39 18<sup>th</sup> and Hyde Park’s one-ton truck helps with usually making three local deliveries in a half day and  
40 the Board supported the town’s continued involvement with the project.

41 7. **Purchase Order #2019-02** – Roadside Mower Rental \$6,000. Mark French reviewed the annual rental  
42 which has worked well to regain shoulder and clear zone width along town highways. Mark feels that  
43 the current rental is working well versus buying this larger piece of equipment at this time. Motion by  
44 Roland to approve PO #2019-02 to HP Fairfield for brush removal rental equipment in an amount not  
45 to exceed \$6,000.00. Seconded by Roger Barry. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

46 8. **Battle Row Road** – Ron reviewed the culvert replacement project which is now complete by Lamoille  
47 Construction and the J. Hutchins reclaiming bid of about \$20,000. The current plan is to add one layer  
48 of pavement this fall and a second pavement layer in 2019 after the culvert cuts settle. Mark explained  
49 that Battle Row Road was not built in a consistent manner so different maintenance treatments are  
50 required for various sections of the road. Roger Audet suggested rebuilding roads for the long-term to

1 reduce future maintenance costs. Susan asked about a long-term plan for paved roads to try to improve  
2 the roads to a good condition sooner with lower maintenance costs in the long-term. The Board  
3 discussed the benefits of overlays versus base work then an overlay. Roger Audet suggested a bond  
4 vote to help all the roads be improved then maintenance costs could be reduced while paying the bond.  
5 Mark suggested a smooth road practice can get more mileage and last a similar time to reclaiming first  
6 on some roads. Susan noted that a bond could help the town get to a reasonable place rather than  
7 chasing deteriorated roads. Battle Row Road has been planned to be repaved this fall but J Hutchins  
8 will need to be updated after looking at the costs to add reclaiming and one overlay.

- 9 **9. North Hyde Park** – Pedestrian Crossing at Post Office – Ron reported that the scoping grant  
10 application was not approved by VTrans and researching options for crossing VT100 to the post office  
11 is still a project to consider for the future.
- 12 **10. Better Connections Grant** – Dubois-King will be on-site for Home Day Event Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, this coming  
13 Saturday and the project website is now online. [www.connecthydeparkvt.org](http://www.connecthydeparkvt.org)
- 14 **11. LEDC Grant Request** – Ron reported that the next Lamoille Economic Development Corporation  
15 Board of Directors is September 21<sup>st</sup> and this funding request to support the Connect Hyde Park project  
16 will be reviewed at that time. Susan will attend the LEDC meeting and present the request. Motion by  
17 Roger Audet to approve the letter requesting \$15,000 to support the Better Connections grant market  
18 analysis work. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 19 **12. Town Listers** – Errors and Omissions – Motion by Roger Audet to approve the errors and omissions  
20 report from the town listers. Seconded by Roger Barry. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 21 **13. Monthly Reports; LCSD; Town Accounts**
- 22 **14. Review minutes; 08/13/2018** – Motion by Roland to approve the 08/13/2018 minutes as written.  
23 Seconded by Roger Barry. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 24 **15. Town Orders** – Motion by Roger Audet to approve the town orders as presented by the town  
25 treasurer. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 26 **16. Other Business & Notices**
- 27 a) LVRT Trailhead / Brownfields Construction – Ron reported that the barrier fence is next, and  
28 the cap is now completed.
- 29 b) FY2020 Budget Memo – Ron handed out the annual budget memo and budget schedule;  
30 meeting begin in October. Like last year, and due to the flat or reducing Grandlist, the  
31 Selectboard will ask department heads to try to propose a 0% increase in their department  
32 for next year and, if increased, then submit a detailed explanation to the board at the  
33 budget meetings this fall.
- 34 c) Purchase Order – Correct PO # from last meeting which was approved as #2018-16 but  
35 was for FY2019 funding. Motion to approve PO# FY2019-01 for the same \$11,500  
36 approved at the last meeting as #2018-16. Seconded by Roger Barry. Voting: 4 in favor, 0  
37 against, motion passed.
- 38 d) Seasonal Highway Plow Operator – Roger Barry agreed to work with Mark French on the  
39 review of applications that were submitted by today's deadline.
- 40 **17. Possible Executive Session:** Motion by Roger Audet to move into executive session for discussion  
41 on Contracts & labor agreements per 1 VSA 313. Seconded by Roger Barry. Voting: 4 in favor, 0  
42 against, motion passed.
- 43 **18. Adjourn ~** Motion by Roger Audet to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Seconded by Roland. Voting:  
44 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.