

## Public Works/Infrastructure Meeting – 10/16/18

### Background:

DuBois & King, Inc. is working with the Town and Village of Hyde Park on a Better Connections Grant Funded project that seeks to improve safety in the village, and to take advantage of the Lamoille Valley Rail trail, one of the most exciting opportunities for outdoor activity in the state. By connecting the trail with the community's assets and making the village a safe and inviting place to be, the community hopes to improve sense of place and increase economic vitality. The project runs from July of 2018- August of 2019 and is funded through the Better Connections Program which is a joint program between the VT Agencies of Transportation and Commerce and Community Development.

The end goal of the project is to provide Hyde Park with an action plan which identifies strategies that will allow it to leverage its assets and improve the local economy. They include:

- **Streetscape Enhancement Strategy:** The action plan will describe the recommended Village streetscape enhancements, which will address pedestrian and bicycle comfort and safety, transforming the Village streets into appealing and green public spaces. The action plan must specifically address how parallel streetscape, and water and sewer projects can be coordinated so that a "dig once" strategy is implemented.
- **Transportation Connectivity Strategy:** Connecting the Village to surrounding destinations is an important aspect of the Village's vitality. Improvements to intersections and crossings, as well as wayfinding to guide visitors to interesting destinations outside the village, will be presented.

### Purpose of this Meeting:

Our primary purpose for organizing this meeting is to meet with the key managers and operators of the infrastructure that overlaps with the components of our project listed above. We need to learn more about past and current capital infrastructure projects, key issues or concerns that the Town and Village feel need to be addressed in the future, and opportunities to synergize strategies with future investments.

Our assessment relies primarily on obtaining knowledge from existing sources and town staff, and synthesizing the needs and issues so that improvements can be coordinated in the implementation plan, which is why we have asked you to join us.

### Meeting Schedule

#### Infrastructure Discussion (9:30 – 10:30)

Joining us for the first hour will be Jon Ashley, PE from DuBois and King. Jon will be there to review information relating to the Village water, sewer and stormwater needs, and (if warranted) conduct a site visit with Town and Village staff to understand the needs, conditions, opportunities, and urgency of providing upgrades.

#### Transportation Infrastructure Discussion (10:30-11:30)

Lucy Gibson, PE from DuBois and King will be on hand to talk with municipal staff and officials about existing road infrastructure needs, current and planned projects and any areas of concern related to the village's road and pedestrian infrastructure. We will also discuss Streetscaping in the Village.