

Selectboard
January 14, 2019
MONTHLY MEETING

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Members Present: Susan Bartlett, Chair; Roger Barry, Roger Audet, Roland Boivin and Dave Gagnier
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Gary Smith; Alison Link, Valerie Valcour; GMATV did videotape this meeting.

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

1. **Welcome, changes to agenda, if any and public comment** – Gary Smith, resident on Marcoux Road, expressed his concern that current winter plowing operations are unnecessarily widening town roads, acknowledging that some dirt is likely to be plowed onto lawns, but last year he had to remove 3 yards of material from his lawn. Gary said he added some stakes in between the town's road edge markers but the town crew plowed them all down recently. Gary stated that with only two homes on the ½ mile road there is little traffic so the plows shouldn't plow at 24-feet which creates a mess. Roger B. asked if Gary's stakes are within the town ROW and Gary said yes. Roger B. explained that the snowbanks are being pushed back more than in the past to keep the snow off the edge of the road and comply with the new state permit or MRGP. Roger B. acknowledged that some lawns in the town right-of-way do get damaged as the plow wing clears the road shoulder. Gary felt that since it was not done in the past and the road is in good condition with low traffic and good drainage then the current practice is not necessary. Roger B. noted that getting water off the road is required. Gary asked that the crew apply some common sense on the low volume roads and not work the shoulder so much or maybe use a smaller truck. Gary noted that he felt that plowing the stakes up was malicious. Roger B. will follow up with the highway crew and Gary.
2. **Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District** – Marilyn Zophar has expressed interest in being appointed to fill the vacancy left by Harold Bailey. Motion by Dave to appoint Marilyn Zophar to fill the remaining 3-year term of Harold Bailey which ends on Town Meeting 2019. Seconded by Roger A. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. **Healthy Lamoille Valley** – Valerie Valcour and Alison Link were present to review possible signage at the Hyde Park trailhead on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail and to encourage the Town to develop community wide policies on health. Alison explained that Healthy Lamoille Valley could provide funds for signage, like the new signs at the Oxbow Park in Morrisville. Alison stated that communities can decide what & how they encourage future generations to be healthy through town policies, the language used in the municipal plan, and by developing a consistent message for use of public lands. Alison noted that some towns can approach the health living concept in many ways, including prohibiting uses through zoning, partnering with the schools and using signs to communicate the message to implement the healthy standards and goals of a community. Signage is self-enforcement by the users of the town facility who would feel community-empowered to remind others that they are not in compliance with community objectives. Alison noted that police enforcement is difficult, and she feels self-enforcement is best at public facilities. Valerie noted that for her, as a Hyde Park resident, she feels it's important to set a consistent community message to visitors and users of the public spaces, including Main Street. Valerie felt that the message should be inviting, family-friendly and supportive of healthy living. Community health policies could be discussed at the Selectboard's Feb 14th special meeting. Alison noted that the RiseVT grant is available to help fund trailhead improvements, such as exercise stations and benches. Susan suggested adding some of these possible tasks to the Hyde Park Recreation Committee. Alison suggested partnering with the Morristown Recreation Committee. Ron will follow up with Alison on new signage at the trailhead.

- 1 4. **FY2020 Budget** – Ron handed out the Jan 14th draft of the budget and the first draft of the warning.
2 More discussion planned at a special meeting on Tuesday, January 29th at 9:00 a.m. The draft
3 annual warning was reviewed with more research needed on constables being appointed and the
4 addition of an article seeking \$600.00 for the community group, Lamoille Neighbors.
- 5 5. **Purchase Order FY2019-08** – The estimated truck repair for the 2012 Tandem is almost \$8,500
6 for new exhaust and emission controls unit. The road foreman has indicated that once the truck is
7 broken down for the repair, additional repair costs may be incurred as additional failed parts are
8 encountered, so the recommendation is to set a higher purchase order amount. Roland called
9 Clark's Truck Center during the meeting to confirm that the carbon monoxide sensor is installed in
10 the truck and Dan, from Clark's Truck Center, confirmed the truck could be operated and the
11 sensor was enough to protect the driver. Dave asked Dan about the annual cost to lease a new
12 truck and Dan said for a 5-year term it would be \$32,105.18 per year for a complete plow truck
13 and bumper to bumper warranty. Roger B. will come back to the Board with more information on
14 lease options and purchase options. No action was taken on the purchase order.
- 15 6. **Annual Certificate of Highway Mileage** – Motion by Roger A. to sign the Certificate noting that
16 no road mileage changes occurred in calendar year 2018. Seconded by Roger B. Voting: 5 in
17 favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 18 7. **Policy Discussion:** Emergency plowing and sanding by town highway crew. Susan noted that
19 the recent ice emergency that prompted this discussion has passed, but the Board should review
20 the use of town sand for private use. Roger B. reported that he spoke with Kirk Lanphear and told
21 him using the town sand for places in Morristown was not to continue and Kirk agreed. Susan
22 noted that emergency plowing and sanding was needed in some situations. The Board agreed that
23 fire, police, ambulance and state highway can always call the town highway for emergency
24 assistance on state roads, private roads and private driveways.
- 25 8. **County Fiber** – Susan explained that some private groups and residents have asked for fiber
26 internet, but Comcast is no longer extending their lines and it is unlikely the State will serve each
27 home with fiber. The Board agreed it should be investigated and Ron will advertise for interested
28 community members to be appointed to an exploratory committee on high-speed internet.
- 29 9. **Contracts** – Susan felt that the Tech Group has been great in waiting for the Board to review the
30 proposal, noting we either needed to hire someone that could do the managed services work or
31 contract it out. Motion by Roger A. to authorize Kim Moulton to sign the KoFile and Tech Group
32 contracts as discussed last December. Voting: 4 in favor, 1 against (Roger B. for need to review
33 other options and costs seemed too high), motion passed.
- 34 10. **Review minutes;** 01/03/2019 and 12/10/2018. Roger B. noted that the 16kW generator bought for
35 the North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Department can't be returned for a 22kW and Dave offered to
36 review the matter and report back to the Board. Motion by Dave to accept the 12/10/2018 and
37 01/03/2019 Selectboard minutes, as written. Seconded by Roger A. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against,
38 motion passed.
- 39 11. **Review Town Orders;** Motion by Roger A. to approve the town orders as presented by the Town
40 Treasurer. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 41 12. **Other Business & Notices:** The Board agreed to set a policy worksession for **Feb. 14th at 9:00**
42 a.m. at the town office. **Union Bank** - Resolution to authorize Kim, Susan and Alyson to be
43 authorize signers to utilize the Automated Clearing House (ACH) through Union Bank. Motion by
44 Roger A. to adopt the proposed Union Bank resolution authorizing Kim Moulton, Susan Bartlett,
45 and Alyson Cusson as duly authorized Agents of the Town of Hyde Park to utilize the ACH Network
46 operated by NACHA. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 47 **Executive Session:** Motion by Roger A. to move into executive session to discuss town
48 personnel matters and real estate purchase or lease options under 1 VSA 313, a, 2-3. Seconded
49 by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed at 8:45 p.m.
- 50 13. **Adjourn** – Motion by Dave to adjourn, seconded by Roger A., so voted at 9:30 p.m.