

Selectboard
March 11, 2019
MONTHLY MEETING

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Members Present: Susan Bartlett, Chair; Roger Barry, Roger Audet and David Gagnier
Members Absent: Roland Boivin
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Denise Greene; Sigh Searles; Marilyn Zophar; Shannon Friedrich (Green Mountain ATV Club 279-7813); Valerie Valcour, VT Dept. of Health; GMATV did videotape this meeting.

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

1. **Welcome.** No changes to the agenda. Public comment: Denise Greene, a member of the Town Energy Committee was present to review the Climate Solutions Resolution noting that 15 towns approved the resolution at Town Meeting 2019 and 40 towns approved it in 2018. Denise read the Resolution into the record to urge the State to halt fossil fuel infrastructure, commit to 100% renewable by 2030 and ensure that the transition is equitable to all residents, and request that the Town protect land from fossil fuel infrastructure development and other initiatives to help reduce overall energy use. Susan suggested the resolution be first posted on Front Porch Forum before the Selectboard next considers it for possible action. Denise stated that she was trying to get Hyde Park added to the list of towns supporting the resolution for this legislative session. Ron will revise the resolution for Hyde Park, removing commit language, seek public comment through Front Porch Forum and the Board will discuss again in April.

2. **Annual Selectboard Organizational Meeting**

- a. Dave nominated **Susan as Chair**, Roger seconded, so nominated
- b. Roger B. nominated **Dave as Vice-Chair**, Roger seconded, so nominated
- c. Motion by Dave to move the regular monthly Selectboard meetings to the third Monday, pending the response from the Town Planning Commission and agreement to move their monthly meetings to the second Mondays, So Voted.
- d. Slate of Officers – Motion by Dave to adopt the slate of officers for 2019, seconded by Roger B. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. No changes to the town department Selectboard liaisons assignments below and as previously set on October 11, 2018;
 - i. Susan – Economic Development, Administration & Library
 - ii. Roger A. – Police and Ambulance
 - iii. Roger B. – Highway
 - iv. Roland – Recreation
 - v. Dave – Fire
- e. Town Constable – Discussion on roles and duties. Dave stated he would accept the position noting he is not VT law enforcement officer and the position would not have any police powers per the 2019 Town Meeting vote. Susan Bartlett nominated Dave Gagnier for a one-year term as Town Constable with no designated duties or responsibilities unless voted by the Selectboard at a later time, Seconded by Roger A. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

1 **3. Review Town Meeting Results, 2019 Selectboard Work Plan & Policy Meetings –**

2 Susan noted that a worksession would be good to develop road improvement plans and
3 across training plan for town highway crew members. The Board agreed to meet on April
4 11th at 9:00 a.m. to discuss 2019 board goals and policies. Ron and Susan will draft up an
5 initial list to pass around for additional tasks and board goals to discuss.

6 **4. Highway Department**

7 a. ATV Ordinance – Expand existing ATV use on public highways to include some
8 paved roads & Class 2 roads. Dave reported that a recent Front Porch Forum
9 posting resulted in one negative comment from Craftsbury. Sigh asked for an
10 explanation of the new routes which Dave responded would open some paved roads
11 to cross-town ATV traffic, noting that gravel roads have been open for some time in
12 Hyde Park with one complaint since 2011. VTrans is reviewing a new ATV crossing
13 of VT100 at Grimes Road. Discussion on enforcement, which the ordinance sets at
14 a maximum speed of 25 mph. It was noted that current ATVs cross private property
15 without permission because approved club routes are not continuous. Dave noted
16 that if any club members violates the ordinance, then these public road routes could
17 be closed. Susan noted that one of the advantages is having clarity where it is legal
18 to ride which gives users a legal path to follow, and residents can file a complaint
19 with the Town. A resident noted that walking on Center Road is not safe due to the
20 speed of cars and she is concerned that ATV traffic and high speeds will contribute
21 to the safety issue on Center Road, noting that she lived in Lowell village where
22 ATVs had a negative impact for a while. Dave explained that the control of ATVs
23 would come first to the Town and proposed trail routes are not through the village.
24 Motion by Roger B. to adopt the proposed 2019 ATV Ordinance, seconded by Roger
25 A. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

26 b. Loader Purchase – Roger Barry asked to table the Loader purchase as multiple
27 quotes are being requested.

28 **5. Healthy Community Policy** – The Board reviewed the draft policy, which refers to existing
29 town policies, recommends new policies and recommends policies for further discussion.
30 Comments on the draft were received by Alison Link from Healthy Lamoille Valley. The
31 Board would like to see some amendments to discourage opiate use, prohibit vaping with
32 the prohibition on tobacco, and list the areas where the “Healthy Community” signs should
33 be installed on public property. The Board will revisit the policy at its April meeting.

34 **6. Municipal Highway Grant** – Paving and Structure Funds – Due April 15; The Board would
35 like to pursue Center Road for paving funds and have drainage work done this summer.
36 East Main Street can be worked on over the next few years as there are two major culverts
37 needing to be replaced; near Centerville Road and near Ten Bends Brewery. The Board
38 noted that the on-going Better Connections grant work may produce suggestions for closing
39 village streets or turning some to one-way so any interim road work on roads should not
40 preclude future options. Motion by Dave to apply for paving funds for Center Road.
41 Seconded by Roger A. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

42 **7. Sterling View MHP Loan Revenue** – Transfer \$11,000 to reserve funds. Motion by Roger
43 A to move \$4,000 to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund, \$4,000 to Economic Development
44 Reserve Fund and the balance of the CIG account, which is over \$3,000, to the Fire Repairs
45 & Equipment Reserve Fund except the amount needed to keep the CIG account open.
46 Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

- 1 **8. Review minutes; Motion by Roger A. to approve the 02/11/2019, 02/14/2019 and**
2 **02/26/2019 minutes; correcting the opening time for the 02/14/2019 meeting to 9:00 a.m.,**
3 **Seconded by Roger A. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.**
- 4 **9. Review Town Orders – Motion by Roger A to approve the town orders per the warrant.**
5 **Seconded by Roger B. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.**
- 6 **10. Other Business & Notices**
- 7 **a.** Highway Summer Workplan – To be discussed at the Board’s April meeting with the
8 Town Road Foreman; including a cross-training plan and road repair priorities.
- 9 **b.** Heavy truck traffic in Village – Agreed to add this topic to the Better Connections
10 Study with Dubois-King; and discuss Hyde Park starting to post roads each Spring
11 which was deferred for a future discussion.
- 12 **c.** HPES as new location for Town Meeting; Principal Diane Reilly is agreeable, and a
13 site visit to walk through the space by the Board of Civil Authority will be scheduled
14 soon. Roger A. noted that there are pros and cons to moving the polling place. The
15 kitchen is available at HPES and HPES would avoid the conflicts of LUHS basketball
16 games but having an elevated stage is a benefit for attendees at LUHS.
- 17 **d.** Grader School – Dave noted that a road grader school is coming up in New
18 Hampshire and there are other schools that might be available through the
19 equipment dealers, but some are as long as 6 weeks, which might not work for Hyde
20 Park. The Board will review options and discuss at a future meeting.
- 21 **11. Executive Session: Motion by Roger A. to move into executive session to discuss town**
22 **personnel matters and real estate purchase or lease options under 1 VSA 313, a, 2-3.**
23 **Seconded by David. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed at 7:45 p.m.**
- 24 **12. Adjourn – Motion by Dave to adjourn, seconded by Roger A., so voted at 8:17 p.m.**