

# Selectboard

April 15, 2019

MONTHLY MEETING (New - 3rd Mondays)

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Members Present: Susan Bartlett, Chair; David Gagnier, Vice-Chair, Roger Barry, Roger Audet and Roland Boivin  
Members Absent: None  
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Carol Fano; Jessica Bickford, Healthy Lamoille Valley; Jack Anderson, Village Trustee; Valerie Valcour, town resident & VT Dept. of Health; GMATV did videotape this meeting.

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

1. **Welcome:** Added funding discussion for ACO Diane Stoney training. No public comment.
2. **Fiber Committee:** The Board reviewed the 04/15/2019 Fiber Committee Memo. The committee is moving forward with exploring options for installation of fiber internet lines to every door. Carol noted that small fiber companies can do it far cheaper than some of the larger telecoms like Comcast, with fewer customers required per mile for smaller grassroots companies. Carol noted that some communities have formed a fiber utility district with several towns and operate with user fees, noting that using the property tax is the least desirable revenue source. Motion by Roger A. to appoint Jack Wool to the Fiber Committee. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. **Healthy Community Policy:** Ron reviewed the draft policy and the need to further discuss prohibiting smoking on town properties which was not fully resolved in March. The Board discussed the distance from an entryway. Jessica and Valerie suggested that the Board consider the access routes for no smoking; from the parking lot to the entry area. Ron read the current town policy which prohibits no smoking in town vehicles when two or more people are inside. Valerie stated that the draft policy developed is very good and would likely be considered as a starting point for other towns, noting that some health care professionals might like to see more prohibitions, this is a good first step and good for the public to see adopted by the Town. The policy could be revisited after its in place for a while and the Board agreed it was a good first step. Motion by Roger A. to adopt the 04-15-2019 Hyde Park Health Community Policy as written, seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Valerie asked for consideration of the 3-4-50 Commitment Letter, noting that Hyde Park would be the first Lamoille County town to join the effort and agree to work toward the 3-4-50 program objectives. Valerie noted that it was a general commitment letter to agree to pursue healthy community tasks & activities and to be a partner with the VT Department of Health. Motion by Roland to authorize Susan to sign the 3-4-50 Commitment Letter. Seconded by Roger B. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
4. **ATV Ordinance:** Dave reported that 0.6 miles of Battle Row Road was omitted from the ordinance adopted in March and would better serve as the access to the Town of Johnson, via East Johnson Road. The goal of the ordinance is to allow an ATV cross-town connection between Johnson, Eden and Wolcott/Craftsbury. The ordinance would be re-written with this change and re-start the 60-day effective period. Motion by Dave to amend the 2019 ATV Ordinance to include the Battle Row Road paved road segment from Grimes Road/Barnes Road to East Johnson Road. Seconded by Roger A. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
5. **Friends of the LVRT:** Susan reviewed the request from the Friends of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail to send a Letter of Support for a marketing strategies study grant application along the length of the LVRT through the Northern Borders Regional Commission. The Committee will work with the Friends on summer events in June and August in conjunction with the on-going Better Connections project. Susan noted connecting with Friends and pursuing community wide objectives, like 3-4-50, all add up to creating a great place to live for new families. Motion by Roger B. to authorize Susan to sign the letter of support for the FLVRT marketing grant application. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

- 1 6. **Annual Liquor License** (acting as the Local Liquor Control Board) – Motion by Dave to meet as  
2 the Liquor Control Board and approve the three liquor licenses; Ten Bends Brewery, VFW, and  
3 Fork & Gavel. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Adjourned Liquor  
4 Control Board and re-opened the Selectboard meeting.
- 5 7. **Town Energy Committee** – The Board did not request interviews to be scheduled. Motion by Roger  
6 A. to appoint Elisa Clancy & Bridget Polow to Town Energy Committee. Seconded by Roland.  
7 Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 8 8. **Approve the 2019 Vendor List.** Motion by Roger A. to approve the 2019 Vendor List, printed  
9 04/02/019, with no changes. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 10 9. **LEPC:** Ron stated that everyone is aware of this change and Carol currently has the time to attend  
11 the monthly meeting, which Brad does not at the current time. Motion by Dave to appoint Carol  
12 Fano as the Local Emergency Planning Committee Town Representative and Brad Carriere as the  
13 alternative LEPC representative. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 14 10. **Minutes:** Motion by Roland to approve the minutes of 03/11/2019 and 04/11/2019, as written.  
15 Seconded by Roger A. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 16 11. **Review Town Orders:** Ron reviewed the town orders process with one warrant covering all  
17 departments and emailing the invoice copies ahead of meetings for their review. The Board agreed  
18 it was worthwhile to pursue and saw the benefits having the time to review invoices prior to  
19 meetings. Motion by Roger A. to approve the town orders prepared by the Finance Director,  
20 Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 21 **12. Other Business & Notices**
- 22 a. Highway Cross-training – Roger B. reviewed the training status list for crew members and  
23 there was concern for the costs and finding training time from the highway crew. Discussion  
24 on data logs for all activities to help determine opportunities for efficiencies, similar to the  
25 data collection now done during emergency repair situations. The types & method of data  
26 collection needs to be clearly defined. Susan mentioned incorporating job data into the  
27 current digital time clock. Ron noted that he will review the current software and see if it  
28 allows the crew to easily log their start/end times per project. Roger will research possible  
29 trainers for cross-training to come to Hyde Park.
- 30 b. Pocket Park Project Update – Ron reported that the town is waiting for a grant agreement  
31 with the VT Department of Health, noting that Fall construction is planned.
- 32 c. Town Highway Discontinuances – Set hearing date and required site visits for Thursday.  
33 June 6, 2019 beginning at 3:00 p.m. and Ron will bring a notice to the Board's next meeting.
- 34 d. LRSWMD Representative – Motion by Dave to appoint Marilyn Zophar to the LRSWMD.  
35 Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 36 e. ACO Training - Diane Stoney – \$500 short and the Board asked that the other towns support  
37 the cost of the training and Diane be allowed to work for them but at their cost. The Sheriff  
38 may also see some benefit to the County having a certified Animal Control Officer.
- 39 f. Fire Department Bylaws – Dave asked about the status of the revised bylaws. Ron reported  
40 that the personnel policy revisions are still going on, the fire department bylaws can be  
41 approved by the fire officers using the town attorney's blacked out version and all job  
42 descriptions should be approved by the fire officers and copies provided to the Selectboard.
- 43 g. Village Meeting – Jack Anderson reported that May 7<sup>th</sup> is the annual village meeting at 7:00  
44 p.m. and the village reports are being mailed in a couple weeks with copies to the Town.
- 45 **13. Possible Executive Session:** Motion by Roger A. to move into executive session to discuss town  
46 personal matters and real estate purchase or lease options under 1 VSA 313, a, 2-3. Seconded by  
47 Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 48 **14. Letter of Hire:** Motion by Roland to authorize Susan to sign a clarification letter of hire for Office  
49 Assistant Dawn Slayton. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 50 **15. Adjourn:** Motion by Dave to adjourn. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion  
51 passed at 7:59 p.m.