

1 **Selectboard**
2 June 17, 2019
3 MONTHLY MEETING

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5 *minutes. Meetings may be videotaped; recordings are held by Green Mountain Access Television. GMATV*
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7 Members Present: Susan Bartlett, Chair; David Gagnier, Vice-Chair; Roger Barry; Roger Audet and
8 Roland Boivin
9 Members Absent: None
10 Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Joanne Ring; Beth Carriere; Deborah
11 Henderson; GMATV did videotape this meeting.

12 Susan opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

- 13 1. **Welcome** ~ Added the following to tonight's agenda: Webster Road reclassification, Hiring
14 seasonal highway worker and Class 1 town highway designation for VT15.
- 15 2. **Public Comment:** Deborah Henderson appeared and presented signatures on a multiple-page
16 petition entitled **Climate Solutions Resolution** urging the State and Town to commit to 100%
17 renewable by 2030 for all people in Vermont. The Board accepted the petition and will discuss it
18 again at their July monthly meeting.
- 19 3. **Joanne Ring:** Davis Farm haying of town gravel pit parcel. Joanne Ring was present to discuss
20 the future use of the gravel pit that is now closed and needing to be reclaimed. Joanne is proposing
21 that with a layer of topsoil, she would have manure and seed adding to convert to use for hay. The
22 Board asked if any soil borings were done to verify if the next layer down had good road materials.
23 Ron said it would need to be investigated by the town's engineer, Grenier Engineering, to
24 determine if the area is closed. The next Act 250 report is coming due in 2020 and the town could
25 test along the westerly side of the parcel to see if the next level down is all sand and not worth
26 excavating. The Board agreed that if the westerly portion of the lower level had no value, then the
27 Ring's could reclaim that area for hay. The Ring's felt if they invested in land by reclaiming it then
28 it would take a couple of years to see a productive yield. Ron will connect with Joanne when the
29 engineering work and possible soil borings are discussed again by the Board.
- 30 4. **Webster Road TH#38 – Discussion on Classification** – Beth Carriere was interested in seeing
31 that the Class 4 road portion of Webster Road is thrown up or at least down-graded to a trail. Beth
32 noted that there is a GPS issue with delivery trucks trying to go from VT100 to Grimes Road. Susan
33 stated that it was not likely to see the Town invest money in an upgrade today, but it is not possible
34 to predict the town's needs in the future. Roland noted that the public trail ROW could be upgraded
35 to a Class 3 in the future. Beth felt that making it a trail would remove it from most GPS maps.
36 Susan noted that a gate across the private driveway could discourage drivers. The Board agreed
37 to move toward reclassification of the Class 4 as a public trail in the next round of highway
38 proceedings. Mike Johnson asked for a "No Outlet" sign and Dave stated it would be good to install
39 near VT100. Ron will add the sign to the highway work list.
- 40 5. **Bocash Water** Supply Inspection Update – Garfield Road. Roger Barry stated that he is making
41 the recommendation to wait for the Bocash family to complete the repairs to their spring before the
42 Town takes any additional actions, such as adding a roadside berm north of the well site.
- 43 6. **Purchase Order #FY2020-01** – The Board reviewed the purchase order. Motion by Roland to
44 approve the purchase order for a "not to exceed amount" of \$38,000 to McCullough Crushing, Inc.
45 for gravel crushing. Seconded by Roger A. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 46 7. **Conflict of Interest Policy** – Ron reviewed the draft policy that is based on the template from VT
47 League of Cities and Towns. Motion by Roland to approve the Hyde Park Conflict of Interest Policy.
48 Seconded by Roger A. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

- 1 8. **Annual Dog Warrant** – Discuss acceptance and referral to Animal Control Officers. Susan asked
2 what the strict language meant to dog owners. Ron stated that no dogs have been euthanized due
3 to no license in seven years, however, the ACOs will follow-up with owners before taking
4 enforcement action under the Animal Control Ordinance. This year there is about 70 dogs on the
5 unlicensed list. Motion by Dave to accept and sign with Dog Warrant and forward to the Town
6 ACOs to follow up and then asking the ACO's to report on their success. Seconded Roland. Voting:
7 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 8 9. **Proposed Neighborhood Improvement Policy** – Susan explained that she was pleased to hear
9 from many residents at the 1st Hyde Park Family Fun Day held on June 15th with positive feedback
10 on community events and encouragement to continue monthly family events in Hyde Park. The
11 idea of the neighborhood improvement program would draw interest of volunteers and families and
12 work on specific small projects within the Town. Susan noted that it was not a forced program but
13 would be opportunities for property owners that may not have the means to cleanup and improve
14 their property, including foreclosed properties. Ron provided some examples of possible small
15 projects that would need to be approved by the Selectboard on a case-by-case basis. The Board
16 agreed to take a closer look at the policy and the proposed review & project selection process for
17 discussion at the next monthly meeting.
- 18 10. **Highway Grants-In-Aid 2020 Application**, Letter Due July 3. A letter of intent to apply is due to
19 the regional planning commission seeking ANR support funds for stabilization projects. The Board
20 agreed with the road foreman to look at either McKinstry Hill or Diggins Road. Motion by Dave to
21 authorize Ron Rodjenski to work with Mark French and Roger Barry on the preferred location that
22 would meet BMP standards under the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) and to submit the
23 letter on behalf of the town. Seconded by Roger B. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 24 11. **Lamoille County Sheriff's Department** – The Board reviewed the annual contract for patrol
25 services in the amount of \$408,372 to be paid quarterly. Motion by Roger A. to sign the annual
26 LCSD patrol contract for the amount requested. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against,
27 1 abstention (Dave as an employee of LCSD), motion passed.
- 28 12. **Brock Carriere Contract for Ballfields Mowing** – Motion by Roland to authorize Ron Rodjenski
29 to sign the 2-year contract. Seconded by Roger B. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 30 13. **Courthouse Pocket Park Project** – Ron reviewed the next steps in this Quick Build project funded
31 by the Vermont Department of Health. A newspaper ad will be published June 20 and bids due
32 July 8 for both a new sidewalk around the Veterans Memorial to comply with ADA, the pocket park
33 and some Main Street sidewalk repair work. The grant requires all work to be completed by Oct. 1.
- 34 14. **Annual Financial Management Questionnaire** – Motion by Roland to receive the financial
35 questionnaire prepared by the Town Treasurer. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against,
36 motion passed
- 37 15. **Fees for town services** (statutory) & zoning (last amended 2012) – The Board received the memo
38 from the Town Clerk on new fees set by the State of Vermont. Ron did not recommend adjusting
39 other fees for land development but suggested a cap on zoning permit application fees, as was
40 done recently in Morristown, and beginning a review of possible fees for stormwater impacts on
41 town road systems, which could include waiving stormwater fees if land development is show to
42 have no impact on the public system. More discussion in the future.
- 43 16. **Assignment of Funds – Year End** – Deferred to 8:30 a.m. on Thursday June 27.
- 44 17. **Minutes** – Motion by Dave to approve the 04/15/2019 and 05/20/2019 minutes as written.
45 Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Motion by Dave to approve the
46 05/15/2019 special meeting minutes. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, 2
47 abstained (Roger & Susan did not attend the meeting), motion passed.
- 48 18. **Review Town Orders** – Motion by Roger A. to approve the town orders. Seconded by Roland.
49 Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
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1 **19. Other Business & Notices**

- 2 a. **Town Buildings Security Discussion** – Susan reported that she received an email from the
3 Town Clerk asking if the Selectboard would discuss security improvements at the town office
4 with the concern based on recent mass shootings around the United States. Susan noted that
5 she was not supportive of making the Statehouse more secure when she was a Senator and
6 can't see spending tax dollars on a minimal risk. Dave agreed and Roger B. noted that of the
7 many town offices he has visited, they have a similar setup to what Hyde Park does at the
8 current time. Roger A. noted that he was surprised to find the Statehouse open without high
9 security. Susan suggested that if there are known risks, then the Sheriff needs to be contacted.
- 10 b. **Annual Pay Adjustments for Town Employees** – The budget amount was set at 2.0%
11 effective July 1st. Motion by Dave to approve the 2.0% pay increase for regular employees per
12 the approved town budget. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 13 c. **Hire Seasonal Highway Worker** – Ron recommended setting the seasonal highway employee
14 hourly rate at \$16.00 per hour. Motion by Roland to hire Dale Nolan for seasonal summer work
15 at \$16.00 per hour. Seconded by Roger B. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 absent (Roger left
16 the room temporarily), motion passed.
- 17 d. **Minimum Call Out** – Should all employees have a minimum 3-hours call out? Deferred for a
18 future discussion.
- 19 e. **Class 1 town highway Discussion** (1.0 miles of VT15) – Susan read an email from Dubois-
20 King that asked for confirmation on the town's interest in Class 1 town maintenance of VT15.
21 A recent report showed a slight financial benefit to the Town estimated by the engineers. The
22 Board agreed not to pursue this option further due to the minimal taxpayer benefit and risk of
23 higher than anticipated costs for this high-volume road.
- 24 f. **Tax Credits** – The Town shared some state tax credit information with MSI for redevelopment
25 of the PH Edwards building on Main Street. The tax credit is of interest to them, primarily for a
26 new sprinkler system, and the application is due July 1st which they are pursuing. The
27 application can be supported by the Selectboard through a letter of support for the
28 redevelopment project. The Board agreed this was a good way to support investment in the
29 Town.
- 30 20. **Possible Executive Session:** Motion by Roger B. to move into executive session to discuss town
31 personal matters in the highway department. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against,
32 motion passed.
- 33 21. **Adjourn** – Motion by Roland to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Seconded by Dave. Voting: 5 in favor, 0
34 against, motion passed.