

1 **Selectboard**  
2 **January 20, 2020**  
3 **MONTHLY MEETING**

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7 **Members Present:** Susan Bartlett, Chair; David Gagnier, Vice-Chair; Roger Audet; and Roland Boivin  
8 **Members Absent:** Roger Barry  
9 **Others Present:** Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Brian Shackett; Kate Lalley; Ed Webster;  
10 Ryan Nolan; Matt Reed; Melanie Rodjenski; Alyson Cusson; Sherry Marcelino;  
11 Deanna Judkins; Brad Carriere; Town Moderator Paul Nesky. GMATV did  
12 videotape this meeting.

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

- 14 1. **Welcome**, Changes to the Agenda (Seth Jensen is not attending). Public Comment: Deanna Judkins submitted  
15 her resignation from the Board of Listers and wanted to announce it now to allow someone to be found as  
16 Julie is also not running leaving only Gary Anderson on a 3-person board. Deanna said she has been involved  
17 since the 1980s and she is sick of the State coming in with more and more requirements and the lister job it  
18 is no longer fun. Deanna also was disappointed by the town leadership deciding to not move Town Meeting  
19 to the recently renovated Hyde Park Elementary School from its current location at LUHS. Dave Gagnier  
20 explained that the meeting was held at HPES in the past but created too much noise in that building which is  
21 not an issue at LUHS. Dave stated that the Town Clerk felt the setup and take down was more complicated at  
22 the elementary school. Dave noted that there are reasons to relocate Town Meeting to HPES, but more  
23 reasons to stay at LUHS. Susan had a suggestion that the relocation of Town Meeting could go to the voters,  
24 and Deanna agreed that would be a good idea. Roger stated that there was some information provided to the  
25 Board of Civil Authority and some issues were not yet resolved when the BCA voted, so the plan was to explain  
26 the decision to stay at LUHS at this coming Town Meeting. The Board thanked Deanna for her many years of  
27 service.
- 28 2. **Kate Lalley, Community Design Consultant** – The proposed plans for West Main Street Gateway Trail Park  
29 was displayed on the monitor. Kate explained that small improvements like this create a sense of place, and  
30 this improvement was an outcome of the visioning process for Project for Public Spaces, the trailhead park  
31 will draw visitors to Main St, work could occur when the drainage issues under the Sink Hole project are  
32 completed, the relocation of lilies can be accomplished along the slope toward the new ditch line,  
33 improvements would be keep with rustic rural VT unpainted fence on southeast, small seating area near  
34 existing wayfinding sign and larger gravel area with stone benches in granite or marble with cut stone with  
35 sayings or Hyde Park message, simple, low maintenance and volunteers maintain.
- 36 3. **Discuss establishing Local Revolving Loan Fund** – Ron provided an overview of Local Revolving Loan Funds  
37 which can be designed to fill gaps in capital investments for business expansion or provide small grants to help  
38 with special projects in the community. Ron and Seth Jensen at LCPC have templates and ideas but need more  
39 direction to finalize the structure of RFL. The Town may benefit from the pending sale of the Sterling View  
40 Mobile Home Park and those funds could capitalize the RFL. More work is needed to set up the program and  
41 the board will discuss again after Town Meeting.
- 42 4. **Sterling View Road** – The Board reviewed the draft survey prepared for recording in the Town Land Records  
43 by Matt Reed with surveyor Ron Stancliff. Matt explained that the new survey shows the state plane  
44 coordinates which will make it easier to reproduce the highway right-of-way limits in the field. Matt noted  
45 that the original dedication and survey needed minor correction, noting that the road is not in the center of  
46 the ROW in some locations. Matt did find manholes and light poles within the 50-foot ROW and confirmed  
47 that the built road is 8% or less in grade. Matt explained that the costs to relocate the road are not worth  
48 making the corrections to the road to place it in the center of the ROW. The survey extends the Class 3 town  
49 highway to include the existing paved loop at the end of the road.

- 1 5. **Proposed FY2021 Budget** – Sherry Marcelino explained that the new request from **Lamoille County Mental**  
2 **Health Services (LCMHS)** will better serve all residents, all ages, both local schools, and people with mental  
3 health issues with their primary funding source being Medicaid and Medicare. Not all services are covered by  
4 those federal resources because some agency services go outside the federal guidelines, thus the request for  
5 local funding to fill those gaps. The Oasis House on Kristi Lane is operated by LCMHS and they are adding a  
6 bed at this location soon which will employ more people. The Oasis House operates to reduce a person’s  
7 chances of returning to the hospital. Sherry stated that she works with the Lamoille County Sheriff’s  
8 Department. The request for \$5,000 needs unanimous support of the Selectboard before the article can be  
9 added to the warning as no petition was submitted by the deadline for the 2020 Town Meeting. Sherry  
10 confirmed that 70% to 80% of recurring mental health clients have some form of substance abuse which has  
11 increased since she has worked with LCMHS. Sherry noted that state mandates are also creating a gap in  
12 funding. Dave suggested that all towns should be asked for funds and Sherry will provide information on what  
13 local funds are being pursued in Lamoille County before the board’s Jan 29<sup>th</sup> meeting to vote on the Town  
14 Meeting warning. Motion by Roger to add the \$5,000 request to the 2020 Town Meeting Warning after review  
15 of the county contribution levels being provided by Sherry, Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against,  
16 motion passed. Susan The Board agreed that \$1,500 increase for **Lamoille Family Center** should be an article  
17 and if approved the annual appropriation would be \$3,000. Ron reviewed the **first draft of the FY2021 budget**  
18 revenues, expenses and tax rate estimate based on current information and 0.75% Grandlist increase. Roland  
19 wanted to review the 10-year replacement cycle for tires and if an inspection can extend the life. Dave  
20 suggested that firefighters could be EMS qualified and have in one department and Brad offered that training  
21 is different for both. The Board discussed the purchase of three AED batteries and approved the purchase of  
22 three in FY2020. talked about adding an article to ask voters if they were interested in the Selectboard  
23 researching the option of **appointing the town clerk and town treasurer**. Ron said he could speak to it at  
24 Town Meeting and Kim Moulton said she would have some information, and any public questions could be  
25 responded to in the report. Susan summarized the change as a response to new and changing state  
26 requirements and need to address the government complexity so we need to be looking at town positions as  
27 more of a profession, noting it is much harder today to learn as you go. Matt Reed noted that at one time the  
28 County Sheriff didn’t need to be a law enforcement professional as they are today.
- 29 6. **Review minutes;** Deferred.
- 30 7. **Review Town Orders** – Motion by Roger to approve the town orders, Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in  
31 favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 32 8. **Other Business & Notices**
- 33 a) Meeting to Approve Annual Warning and FY2021 Budget for Town Meeting 01/29 6:00 PM
- 34 b) Possible Executive Session: Discuss town personal matters, attorney-client matter and real  
35 estate purchase or lease options under 1 VSA 313, a, 1-2-3 No executive session
- 36 9. **Adjourn** – Motion by Roger to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. No objection, so adjourned.