

1 **Selectboard**  
2 **February 18, 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; Town Clerk Kim Moulton; Ken Harvey;  
10 **Debbie Slayton. GMATV did videotape this meeting.**

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

- 12 1. **Welcome** – No changes to the agenda and no public comment.
- 13 2. **Local Revolving Loan Fund** – Ron handed out a memo on local revolving loan funds with a  
14 recommendation to first establish a committee to work on development of policies and procedures.  
15 Kim stated that last year’s investment committee work resulted in a recommendation to expand the  
16 committee number to include the town administrator and town finance director. Susan suggested  
17 one or two residents could join the committee to make recommendations on investments and other  
18 fiscal management areas. The Board will be seeking volunteers for annual committee appointments  
19 and will add this topic.
- 20 3. **Lamoille Area Stump Dump Facility** – Ken reviewed the project being proposed between North Hyde  
21 Park Road and Jones Road, noting that the Jones Road access was installed in 1982 by the Town for  
22 town gravel access when rebuilding Center Road. The upper access onto North Hyde Park Road has  
23 been there since 1935 with continuous use of 1,200 yards or more during its lifetime into the Harvey  
24 gravel pit. Ken provided a map of the current active area in the northeast corner of the parcel which  
25 has about 5,000 remaining. Initially, Jones Road would be used for the stump dump access, then the  
26 upper access used once the remaining gravel is removed and the landfill work is completed. The only  
27 stump dump in the county is at Johnson transfer station but that is almost at capacity, at about 98%.  
28 A letter of support for the project, dated February 13, 2020, was issued by the Lamoille Regional  
29 Solid Waste Management District. Dave advised that the town should start to look for a new source  
30 of road gravel and sand as other local sources are coming to the end of their useful life. Dave noted  
31 that the Nadeau pit is selling winter sand for \$8.75/cu yd. Dave said he was interested in working on  
32 options for the town, especially since the ballfields are likely to stay in place and gravel and sand  
33 exist under the ballfields. Ken noted that the best gravel yet to be removed from the current town  
34 pit is closer to McFarlane Road. Ken advised that the mobile home park would likely close in June  
35 2020 and it has been 2006 since the last road paving of Sterling View Road near the Route 15 end.  
36 Ken stated that the closing to the homeowners will result in the town loan being paid and Ken asked  
37 that paving be done with the estimated \$50,000 in loan proceeds. Susan noted that the proceeds are  
38 also being looked to start the revolving loan fund. Dave and Roland will meet with Ken on pit options  
39 in April. The Board felt that the reclamation of the gravel pit area on Jones Road is part of the pre-  
40 existing use and does not require a new 1111 for the two permanent access points (the third one  
41 near Ken Smith’s home is being discontinued with the start of the new operation). Motion by Roland  
42 to approve the continued use of the two existing access points and not require 1111 permit review.  
43 Seconded by Dave. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 44 4. **Grandlist 2019** – Motion by Roger to sign the Certificate of No Appeal for the 2019 Grandlist.  
45 Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

- 1 5. **Proposed FY2021 Budget** – The Board reviewed fire stipends and agreed to follow up with Cambridge  
2 to see how they compensate firefighters. The need for tire reserve funds is addressed in the  
3 proposed budget with \$2,000 proposed to move into the fire equipment reserve fund for future use.  
4 Dave reported that the current information from the fire department is that there is no mandate to  
5 replace tires every 7 or 10 years, but inspections are necessary to ensure tires are in good shape. This  
6 could result in tires being replaced only once or not at all over the 20-25 year life of fire apparatus.  
7 The proposed tax rate increase is 2.84%. The Board will take the new town reports home and review  
8 for any final questions or corrections before Town Meeting.
- 9 6. **Annual Certificate of Highway Mileage** – The Board reviewed the nine roads that were part of the  
10 Selectboard Order in 2019 which resulted in 8 mileage changes. Motion by Dave to sign the Annual  
11 Certificate of Highway Mileage and two road openings (Sterling View Road TH88 Extension &  
12 Crabapple Lane, a new TH), Seconded by Roger. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 13 7. **Life Insurance Benefit** – The Board reviewed the annual premium cost to increase the life benefits  
14 from \$10,000 to \$25,000 per employee. The annual costs for all regular employees was just reduced  
15 in January 2020 with that rate reduction saving about \$500 per year. The annual budget is \$2,200 for  
16 all employees. The cost to increase the benefit to \$25,000 will still be less than the \$2,200 proposed  
17 in the FY2021 budget. The increased benefit would be effective soon after the Board’s approval.  
18 Motion by Roger to approve the increase to \$25,000. Seconded by Dave. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against,  
19 motion passed.
- 20 8. **Police Services** – Susan suggested that there was a need for a new committee to review police  
21 services with the three towns, possibly two members from each of the three towns. Monthly  
22 meetings to start with discussion on how police services are sustainable with increasing costs, long-  
23 term needs in the communities and current service needs. Susan suggested that Roger Audet and  
24 Carol Fano represent Hyde Park. If Hyde Park is interested, then the other towns will be contacted  
25 to set up a first meeting. Motion by Roger to form the committee to look at police services. Seconded  
26 by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 27 9. **Minutes:** Motion by Dave to approve the January 7, 20 and 29 minutes, as written. Seconded by  
28 Roger. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed (Roland abstained from January 20 due to his  
29 absence).
- 30 10. **Review Town Orders** – Motion by Roger to approve the town orders, Seconded by Roland. Voting:  
31 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 32 11. **Other Business & Notices**
- 33 • Kim reported that mobile polling is planned this year and Susan stated it is a great service for  
34 the community.
- 35 12. **Possible Executive Session:** Discuss town personal matters, attorney-client matter and real estate  
36 purchase or lease options under 1 VSA 313, a, 1-2-3 Motion by Roger to move into executive session  
37 to discuss attorney-client matters. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 38 13. **194 East Main Street:** The Board discussed the request from Michael and Kara St. Pierre that the  
39 Town pave their driveway due to the recent private sewer line failure that left waste material on  
40 their lawn. Susan stated that the town attorney has reviewed the request and the town could offer  
41 to remove the waste material in the spring. The Board reviewed the letter. Motion by Dave to  
42 authorize the town administrator to sign the letter and deliver it to the St. Pierre’s. Seconded by  
43 Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 44 14. **Adjourn** – Motion by Roger to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. No objection, so adjourned.