

1 **Selectboard**
2 **June 29, 2020**
3 **Special “Virtual” Meeting**

4 *All minutes are draft until approved by the Selectboard; please check future minutes for approval of these minutes.*
5 *Meetings may be videotaped; recordings are held by Green Mountain Access Television. GMATV info: PO Box 581, Hyde*
6 *Park, 05655; info@greenmountainaccess.tv or 802-851-1592*

7 **Members Present:** Susan Bartlett, Chair (6:00 pm); Roland Boivin; Dave Gagnier; Brian Shackett

8 **Members Absent:** Roger Audet

9 **Others Present:** Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Tim Labombard, Local 300; Mark Lehouillier;
10 Ryan Nolan; Michael Griggs; Chief Ed Webster

11 **Virtual Attendees:** Ryan Nolan; Kim Moulton; Alyson Cusson; GMATV livestreamed beginning 6:00.

12 Brian opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

13 1) **Welcome** – Special meeting – No additions to the agenda or public comment.

14 **Highway Union Negotiations** – Motion by Roland to move into executive session under 1 VSA 313 for labor
15 contract negotiations. Seconded by Dave. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. The Board came out
16 of executive session.

17 **Monthly Meeting** – Susan Bartlett appeared and opened the monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m.

18 2) **Consolidated Union District** – Carol Fano, Jack Wool and Michael Rooney from the Hyde Park Fiber Committee
19 provided their committee’s recommendation that the Selectboard vote to join the “Lamoille Fibernet”.
20 Michael Rooney agreed to be the town representative, with Jack Wool as 1st Alternate and Carol Fano, 2nd
21 Alternate. The Hyde Park Fiber Committee will likely continue to monitor the development of this regional
22 entity. Motion by Dave to approve the Communication Union District Resolution with the Michael Rooney as
23 the town representative. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

24 3) **Culvert Purchase Order & Paving Plans** – The Board discussed the proposed purchase order for Center Road
25 culverts at \$30,000. The Board discussed the process for replacing culverts and paving in two phases with
26 grinding first with chloride to pack, then culvert replacements, with one base layer from town line to Cleveland
27 Corners Road before this coming winter. Roland felt that a base should not be left two years, so the base
28 paving should be allowed to settle over at least one summer each. The Board agreed that some soil borings
29 would help determine the best maintenance choice for the paved road. Motion by Dave to approve the PO
30 #FY2020-09 for \$30,000 to Johnson Hardware. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
31 The Board asked that an ad be published to hire a contractor to replace the culverts in Phase 1. Roland asked
32 if posting roads was a requirement of state highway grants? Ron will check on this and report back to the
33 Selectboard.

34 4) **Highway Access Permit (1111 Permit)** – Two homes on Webster Road public trail ROW. Brian stated that he
35 looked at the first 420 feet of public trail ROW off the Class 3 section. Brian found 16-feet of good road base
36 to meet the minimum width for four homes (2 being proposed now to be added to 2 existing homes). Ron
37 explained that the public trail ROW was designated a public trail ROW with 2 existing homes and abutting
38 landowners had plans for at least one more home. This proposal is to add one additional home with a
39 subdivision of an existing lot. The Board felt that one more house than expected would be acceptable.

40 5) **General Fund Unspent Budget** – Ron explained that this time of year, town departments may have unspent
41 funds with plans to spend in FY2021. Motion by Brian to assign \$2,500 for line striping in FY2021. Seconded
42 by Dave. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

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- 1 6) **Town Highway Traffic Ordinance** – The Board discussed recent speeding complaints and requests for
2 improved speed control and reduced speed limits. Brian explained that Cricket Hill Road had a recent incident
3 with a dog being hit. Susan explained that more patrol funds could be asked for to increase speed
4 enforcement. Roland noted that the 35-mph speed on VT100 south from Eden should be placed farther north
5 by Mudget Drive so drivers slow before the fire station. Susan suggested moving the Church St solar speed to
6 Cricket Hill near Crabapple Lane. Ron noted that Cricket Hill Road needs a traffic study to set a maximum
7 speed to then be added to the traffic ordinance. The Board agreed to send a letter to the State seeking the 35
8 MPH zone speed sign southbound on VT100 be relocated to 500 feet north of Mudget Drive. The Board will
9 send any roads that they feel should be considered for speed limit review to Ron.
- 10 7) **Annual Employee Wage Adjustments** – Motion by Roland to award the 3.0% wage adjustment to those in the
11 annual pay adjustment schedule, effective the pay period including July 1, 2020. Seconded by Dave. Voting: 4
12 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Highway wage adjustments are deferred due to pending union
13 negotiations. The fire wages are already approved at the NHP/Eden pay schedule with one difference being
14 the senior firefighter, cadet and assistant chiefs currently in Hyde Park are grouped differently from
15 NHP/Eden. Chief Webster did not object to the rank groupings used in NHP/E Fire Dept. Chief Webster asked
16 if the July 2020 fire pay would be based on the new rates, which Board confirmed. Roland asked about the
17 paint sprayer being paid by donation because the Selectboard had no to paying the bill. Roland noted that is
18 was not true as the Selectboard never acted on the payment request. Chief agreed that he never heard a no
19 from the Selectboard but was appreciative of the donation to pay for the new equipment. Roland stated he
20 wanted to get the facts set for the record.
- 21 8) **Town Finance Committee Mission Statement** – The Board reviewed the Mission Statement dated June 2020
22 and felt that having a group focused on town finances would benefit taxpayers. Motion by Brian to approve
23 the Finance Committee Mission Statement. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 24 9) **Letter of Intent to enter lease agreement** – Old Hotel Parcel – Roland agreed to meet with the landowner
25 next to the Gihon Valley Hall and review the letter and draft lease agreement.
- 26 10) **Social Media Policy Discussion** – Susan suggested that the town work on a policy that would have some
27 enforcement with notice and reprimands. The Board agreed to look at a draft at the next monthly meeting.
28 The Board discussed code of conduct & current iPad loaner program being established, which should address
29 the expectation that town equipment is used for town business.
- 30 11) **Review minutes** - Motion by Brian to approve the 06/15/2020 minutes as written. Seconded by Roland.
31 Motion passed.
- 32 12) **Old and New Business**
- 33 • Drop Box for Town Offices – A new outside drop box would reduce visits into the inside of the
34 town office building. Brian stated he researched products and wasn't able to find one on sale.
35 The cost is about \$700 for the box and the Board will help with installation.
 - 36 • Village Water Project – 1111 Permit Conditions are being reviewed by staff and the Village is
37 planning on starting Weekly Project Updates for the community.
 - 38 • NEMRC annual contract. Motion by Brian to authorize Susan to sign the annual NEMRC user and
39 service agreement at \$5,000 for FY2021. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor 0 against,
40 motion passed.
 - 41 • The Cemetery Commission is proposing a 25-foot wide easement on the easterly border of the
42 Hooper Cemetery and a sketch was reviewed by the Board. The Board agreed that the Town
43 Attorney can move forward on drafting the documents for the landowners to review.
- 44 13) **Executive Session:** Motion Brian to move into executive session to discuss personal matters and labor contract
45 negotiations, under 1 VSA 313. Seconded by Dave. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 46 14) **Personnel** – Motion by Roland to accept the town clerk's recommendation that Kristan Langlois receive 50
47 cents/hour increase retroactive to May 25, 2020. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion
48 passed.
- 49 15) **Adjourn** – Motion by Roger to adjourn at 9:43 p.m. Seconded by Brian. So, voted.