

**Selectboard**  
September 20, 2021  
Hybrid Meeting Minutes

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Members Present: Susan Bartlett, Chair; Dave Gagnier; Roland Boivin

Members Virtual: Chasity Fagnant; Brian Shackett

Members Absent: None

Attendees Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Jerry Smith, Dave Harvey, Roger Audet, Sherry Heckler, Sue Trainor

Attendees Virtual: GMATV did record this meeting.

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

1. **Welcome.** No changes to agenda and no public comment.

2. **Matt Morin, Recreation Reserve** – Request to use \$4,600 in funds from recreation reserve. Matt asked if the current \$4,000 for contracted mowing fees could be done through the town crews with less expensive and more direct control of work, such as dragging the fields, etc. The funds from reserve came from donations to reduce participation fees and that would be the use now and some equipment. A recent on-site insurance audit resulted in removal of playground equipment that now needs to be replaced. Matt noted that the committee is considering funding the upgrade with a mix of reserves and fundraising at an estimated cost of over \$10,000. Matt stated that he has several projects that could be done with reserve funds and Ron advised that another option is seeking one-time appropriation from town voters like the Gihon Valley Hall project or fundraising by an outside agency, unrelated to the town, to support projects. Motion by Dave to allow use of \$4,600 of the recreation reserve for scholarships and equipment. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

3. **Pat Ripley**, Executive Director, Lamoille Economic Development Corporation – Pat introduced himself and reviewed the LEDC role in advising on ARPA fund use and his availability to assist in development of projects and grants. Pat advised that LEDC maintains a priority list for county economic investment, and none are listed for Hyde Park. Matt Morin expressed interest in grants and will reach out to Pat. Pat will send the board information on adding projects to the state economic list.

#### 4. Highway Department

a) **Beam Road** – Stormwater Upgrade Plan & Road Survey. Susan read an email from Scott Griswold that requested ending the Class 3 at the mailbox location north of the Heckler parcel and making the rest to the turnaround a lesser maintained plowed Class 4. Roland said a new stormwater plan has been developed by Summit Engineering showing one new culvert on the hill and a stone lined ditch on the inside corner across from the Heckler home. The road plan expands the current turnaround area with a snow discharge area. Jerry Smith said he supported a Class 3 town highway to the current turnaround which is on a private right-of-way. Sherry Heckler stated that with the town taking over regular maintenance, she will lose all control of future road widening near her home. Jerry asked about moving the road easterly slightly to better protect Sherry's front yard from the road widening. The option of a Class 4 south of the mailbox was discussed which results in that mileage not being added to the calculation for highway state aid. The Board discussed the proposed road plan with a Class 3 from Garfield Road to the current turnaround on the Smith/Clark parcel. Motion by Roland to continue to maintain the road for the upcoming winter 2021-2022. Seconded by David. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Ron will work on the final road survey and the formal process for laying out the new highway based on the draft road survey plan prepared by Summit Engineering.

b) **ARPA Priorities** – The Board reviewed the town list of projects, such as broadband to town office/highway & Park & Ride area, HP Fire District #1 pressure tanks, HVAC upgrades at three sites: library, town office & town garage, completing the online town records searchable database. Mr. Harvey noted that the North Hyde Park water system is requesting ARPA funds for water system improvements at \$30,000 which will design the replacement of the pressure water tank.

1 Dave Harvey noted that the tanks could fail at any time. Susan asked if the work would allow  
2 expansion of the service area. Dave Harvey noted that going north for more users is hard because  
3 the industrial park is already on the system, and no new development is proposed east along North  
4 Hyde Park Rd. Roger Audet stated that the system has 95 connections with 100,000 gallons of  
5 storage and the distribution system is getting to 40 years old. Roger advised that they do have an  
6 engineer that has started the technical review and Dave Harvey agreed to check in with LEDC Pat  
7 Ripley. The Selectboard will begin making decisions on initial expenditures of ARPA funds soon  
8 and advised that Fire District #1 meet with LEDC and then come to the next meeting on ARPA.

- 9 c) **Prospect St Grant Update** – Sue Trainor, a Prospect Street property owner, stated that she would  
10 like more information on the plans for Prospect Street. Ron advised that the stormwater funding is  
11 being reviewed by LCCD and no dollar amount has been awarded yet to move forward. Susan  
12 explained that once the neighbors asked for a road design matching the historical loop at the end,  
13 the Board has worked with stormwater designs and the engineer to come up with final plans. Sue  
14 asked for more outreach on highway projects, such as a mailing to all homes. Roland, as a  
15 taxpayer, asked when water line replacement work, if any, will happen. Susan suggested that  
16 funding for another water project is not in the immediate horizon. More information will be available  
17 when LCCD funds are resolved.
- 18 d) **GPS in town plow trucks other heavy equipment.** The Board discussed asking Verizon in for a  
19 demonstration, including what data is collected, online tracking of plow routes, and accident  
20 investigation data. The Board asked that Brian meet with the highway crew to review the State  
21 system. Chasity asked about what started this, and Susan explained that it has been talked about  
22 for a couple of years and the demo allows the town to see what it can and can't do for the town.  
23 Chasity expressed her hesitancy but was willing to look at the demo. Ron will contact Verizon.
- 24 e) **Compass Winter Salt Contract \$70.53/ton (2020-2021 season was \$69.84/ton)** Motion by Brian  
25 to approve the contract with Compass at \$70.53 per ton. Seconded by Dave. Voting: 5 in favor, 0  
26 against, motion passed.
- 27 f) **Summer Paving** – Motion by Roland to accept the **Pike Industries'** Change order to deduct  
28 \$21,175 from their awarded bid for reclaim work that Manosh will now be doing. Seconded by  
29 Dave, Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Motion by Dave to approve the **Manosh** change  
30 order, to increase their original bid of \$45,000 by \$21,000 plus \$1SY for reclaim for additional  
31 reclaim work. Seconded by Dave. Discussion: Ron noted that the Manosh change is for an  
32 upgraded reclaimer as well as accepting the Pike reclaim work. Seconded by Brian Voting: 4 in  
33 favor, 0 against, 1 abstain - ROLAND abstaining as he is employed by Manosh, motion passed.
- 34 g) **New Road Name** – Cubit Lot 6 VT100 – “Over Across Meadows” Motion by Roland to approve  
35 Over Across Meadows Seconded by Dave So voted
- 36 h) **Volvo excavator / trailer \$200,000** – Brian stated that the Volvo performs better than the Hyundai  
37 and Volvo service will be good. Brian noted that 1,400 hours is on Nick Manosh's 2-year-old  
38 excavator at \$140,000. Ron will work with Nick to compare the new 2021 to the used 2019.

39 5. **E&O Assessor** – Motion by Dave to approve the assessment deduction of \$1,700 for the Lanpher  
40 parcel on Mudgett Drive. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

#### 41 6. **Other Business**

- 42 • NHP Pilot Crosswalk is scheduled during the Sept 25 Fall Festival Event at GVH
- 43 • Municipal Planning Grant – NHP Welcome Signs (Design Only) for October agenda
- 44 • FY2023 Budget Season Overview & ARPA Oct.6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., with ARPA
- 45 funds and review of guidelines. *Brian left the meeting at this point.*
- 46 • Paving Fitch and Center discussed. The Board discussed how to address the aprons that
- 47 are difficult for landowners to access the town highway. Ron will contact landowners.

48 7. **Town orders:** The Board reviewed the town orders presented by the town finance director. Motion by  
49 David to approve the town orders. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

50 8. **Minutes:** Motion by Brian to approve the 08/16/2021 minutes as written. Seconded by Chasity.  
51 Voting:4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

52 9. **Adjourn** – Motion by David to adjourn, seconded by Roland, so voted at 9:00 p.m.