

Selectboard
November 15, 2021
Hybrid Meeting Minutes

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Members Present: Susan Bartlett, Chair; Roland Boivin; Chasity Fagnant; Brian Shackett, David Gagnier
Members Virtual: None
Members Absent: None
Attendees Present: Jack Wool; Jerry Smith; Brian Jones; Sigh Searles; Jim Noyes; Stephen Donohue
Attendees Virtual: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Town Clerk Kim Moulton; Wendy Price; Judy Clark; GMATV did record this meeting.

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

1. **Welcome.** No changes to agenda and no public comment. General comment on it being ok without masks in the room. Brian Jones asked about a road name change and it being changed three times off Jones Road, currently Dairy Haven Road, previously Old Barn Lane. Ron noted that the current name was requested by the landowners. Brian expressed his concern that road names should not be changed once the Selectboard approves it. Brian Jones stated that the town should not buy a new excavator but continue to hire out that equipment as needed. Jack Wool was present to ask for attention to the Class 4 road, Railroad Drive to Woodlands Lane as it is very deteriorated.
2. **Lanpher Memorial Library FY2023 Budget**
The library trustees presented a budget at 24% higher than current year to increase staffing and eliminate having one person in the library which has multiple floors that need to be watched. The Board will review this request with all other requests, thanking the trustees for the information.
3. **Highway Department**
 - a) **Beam Road** – Jerry Smith was present to review the laying out of a Class 3 town highway to the turnaround area on the Clark/Smith parcels, where the plows currently turnaround which is a private road. The landowners would like to see a “No Outlet” sign near Garfield Road and the reclassification of TH50 to Fagnant Farm Rd will need to be a part of the formal process to lay out and reclassify in Title 19. The next step is to have the legal documents and survey finalized and reviewed on December 20.
 - b) **Volvo excavator / trailer acquisition \$200,000** – Discussion on uses of the excavator and Brian Jones restated his suggestion to hire it out or rent instead of purchase. Dave stated that the quoted machine is too big and a smaller machine should be considered. Susan stated that the final choice should be a good fit for town needs. Motion by Brian to purchase the 2022 Volvo Model 145. Seconded by Chasity. Voting: 4 in favor, 1 against (Dave G.), motion passed. Roland stated that the town should check into used Volvo’s in case one with 300-400 hours is being returned to save some money compared to new. Motion to approve the Union Bank loan proposal and select the 5-year payoff Option 2. Seconded by Chasity. Voting: 4 in favor, 1 against (Dave), motion passed.
4. **Brosseau** – Discussion on COVID impacts on development projects that result in permits expiring. Motion by Dave to allow renewal applications to pay the difference between the current fee and previously paid fee, for the same project if seeking renewal through June 30, 2022. Seconded by Chasity. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
5. **Service Agency Policy** – A statutory date change is needed. Motion by Chasity to amend the policy to match the required petition days prior to Town Meeting Day as required per statute. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
6. **ARPA support to Hyde Park Fire District #1** – Ron explained that any town support for water system improvements in the North Hyde Park public water supply system can be reimbursed by ARPA funds. Working with their prudential committee would likely be about 2 hours per week to complete guidance requirements for the use of the previously approved \$32,000 for water system design work. A

- 1 subrecipient agreement is recommended by both US Treasury and the town attorney and draft should
2 be ready for review by December 20.
- 3 7. **Annual Employee Recognition** – Motion by Dave to award the same \$140 and \$40 to employees as
4 last year. Seconded by Chasity. So voted.
- 5 8. **Town Orders** – Motion by Dave to approve the town orders presented by the town finance director.
6 Seconded by Brian. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 7 9. **Town Garage Repairs** – Brian suggested that the exterior repairs and other repairs be accelerated
8 by advertising now and having all work completed by next summer. A scope of work is needed, and
9 bids can be due in January.
- 10 10. **GPS on Equipment at Highway** – A demo will be scheduled with Verizon.
- 11 11. **Finance Director Position** – The search is ongoing with two interviews scheduled this week.
- 12 12. **Masks** – The Board discussed the Governor allowing mandates and discussion will continue next
13 meeting.
- 14 13. **Adjourn** – Motion by David to adjourn, seconded by Brian, so voted at 7:41 p.m.