

**Selectboard**  
April 12, 2022  
Hybrid Meeting Minutes

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Members Present: Brian Shackett, Chair; Vice-Chair; Matt Morin; Roland Boivin; Susan Bartlett  
Members Virtual: None  
Members Absent: Chasity Fagnant  
Attendees Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator  
Attendees Virtual: Mary Walz; Richard Pearson; Mark French; Andres Torizzo; Kate Lalley; GMATV did record this meeting.

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

1. **Welcome.** No changes to the agenda.
2. **Finance and Administrative Manager.** Jennifer Tricou has been hired to start as the new Finance and Administrative Manager. Ron reported that Jennifer will be starting this week with a 90-day probation period.
3. **Church & Main Net Zero Showcase & FEMA Mitigation.** Andres Torizzo explained that the Net Zero project is at the 30% concept level. Andres reviewed the Net Zero project and possible phased construction for improvements that are in or out of the town highway right-of-way. Brian suggested working on easements first. Brian thought the Sheriff parcel would be worthwhile to investigate for an easement. Ron and Andres will develop a list of impacted property owners and a meeting to review the project and gauge easement support. Andres explained that the three FEMA mitigation are moving forward under DR4474.
4. **Knot in Hyde Park Committee** – Mary Walz appeared to provide background on the volunteer committee and a request to formalize the groups as a town committee. Ron confirmed that the Selectboard’s appointment of the committee extends the town’s insurance coverage to the group but comes with open meeting law requirements and acknowledgment that the members will represent the town when out in the public or at meetings. Mark French stated that having volunteers check out town ditch sites could be asking a lot, as his crew is very aware of what knotweed looks like. Susan felt that town committee status does provide benefits for grants to coordinating with other agencies. Mark stated that the crew mows knotweed patches separately than non-contaminated areas. Mary is planning some new mitigation methods this growing season, like roofing material to smother patches or wire fencing to girdle areas. Matt encouraged the committee to be safe in the roadways and Ron said that the town would be requiring yellow vests when inside town road right-of-way. Motion by Susan to create the Knot in Hyde Park Committee and appoint members with on-going terms, Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
5. **Acceptance of MPG22 North Hyde Park Branding & Signage Design.** Ron explained that this grant was not approved in 2021, but the legislature provided additional funding recently. Motion by Susan to accept the MPG22 grant, seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
6. **Center Road** warranty review of surface defects – Pike Industries. Mark explained that the surface was failing in some spots and Pike is asking for a meeting with town officials before performing the warranty work.
7. **Season Position** – Roland explained that a winter season employee’s hire letter ended April 1<sup>st</sup> but town highway was asking for a few more weeks, through May 1. Motion by Roland to extend the letter of hire for Michel Renaud to May 1, 2022, after review of any mandatory benefit issues due to the additional hours. Seconded by Matt. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
8. **Highway Training and Incentive Program** – The Board reviewed the April 5<sup>th</sup> draft program, and the Board was supportive. Brian suggested that in an evaluation the individual’s need for training could be determined and then upon successful completion of training, followed with the money award. Susan agreed a program should be adopted and the crew can decide on their interests and Mark

1 would need to schedule the time for training. Mark asked how information can be shared and would  
2 incentives be allowed for sharing information with the group after one person attended, to save time  
3 for the entire crew attending a training. The Board discussed if sending crew members to be trained  
4 with a certificate is different than sharing a summary. The Board wanted to continue the development  
5 of the program and asked for more examples of the training. Brian asked for a list of training  
6 opportunities that could be shared with highway crew so they could select what they are interested in  
7 pursuing.

8 9. **Town highway garage repairs** – Mark reported that work is progressing and the additional cost for  
9 exterior painting appears to be fair. Mark asked for the Board’s input on some batten siding that was  
10 not even. Matt felt the town should continue with Bucky Godfrey’s work. Motion by Susan to approve  
11 a not to exceed budget of \$12,000 for the garage work. Seconded by Matt. Voting: 4 in favor, 0  
12 against, motion passed. The Board would like to see the two maples out front removed before spring  
13 cleanup.

14 10. **Finance and Administrative Manager Position** – The Board thought it would be good to have  
15 Cynthia in for staff training on NEMRC modules and then again for Selectboard. The overview of  
16 NEMRC capabilities would help the Selectboard for questions and ask for reports to better track town  
17 expenditures.

18 11. **Minutes:** Motion by Roland to approve the minutes from 03-22-2022. Seconded by Matt. Voting: 3 in  
19 favor, 0 against, 1 abstention (Susan was absent), motion passed.

20 12. **Town Orders** Motion by Roland to approve the town orders. Seconded by Susan. Voting: 4 in favor,  
21 0 against, motion passed.

22 13. **Other Business** –

- 23 • Update on 5659 VT 100 – The property transferred to **Michael Bartlett** April 1<sup>st</sup> and the mortgage  
24 was signed and recorded the week following. The property will now be taxed in FY2023 and there  
25 is a \$10,000 mortgage deed provided to the Town which is due when the property sells.
- 26 • Update on **Rooney-Dorn** Appeal to State Board of Health – A hearing may occur in June or July.
- 27 • Late **Homestead** policy. Motion by Susan to approve the 2022 Policy with 3.0% penalty for late-  
28 filing. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 29 • 2022 Liquor License – Motion Susan to approve the license for Ten Bends, seconded by Matt.  
30 Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 31 • Animal Control Recognition. Ron reported that even though the town has not formally appointed  
32 animal control officer, former ACO Keith Ulrich has agreed to help the town in emergencies,  
33 especially when animal health is at risk. Motion by Matt to award \$250.00 as a one-time  
34 appreciation cash payment to Keith Ulrich. Seconded by Susan. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against,  
35 motion passed.
- 36 • Mary Walz asked for approval to hold a June Knotweed demonstration project at Gamble parcel  
37 on VT100 to which the Board did not object.

38 14. **Adjourn** – Motion by Susan to adjourn, seconded by Roland, so voted at 8:46 p.m.