

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK
SELECTBOARD MEETING
JUNE 11, 2009**

Present: Scott Griswold, Duncan Nash, Russell Lanphear, James Heath

Others: Gary Anderson, Tim Tory, Hieke Hartmann

Scott Griswold called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Minutes of May 14 and May 21

Duncan Nash and Russell Lanphear moved to approve the minutes of May 14 and May 21 as written.

No changes.

Voted unanimously in favor.

2. Agriculture Lease Agreement

Most agriculture leases are 5 year contracts running from January 1 to December 31 with an option to renew in the third year of the contract.

Russell Lanphear and Duncan Nash moved to permit Charles Davis to finish farming the Town's Garfield land for the year 2009, and the Town will offer him a new five year lease. Voted unanimously in favor.

3. Town Administrator's Report

Duncan Nash and James Heath moved to accept the Town Administrator's Report. Voted unanimously in favor.

4. Trailhead Facility Project Bid

The Planning Commission selected Carlton Construction to construct the Hyde Park trailhead facility by the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.

The Selectboard considered re-bidding the project since the Carlton bid was proposed in November, 2008. Material costs are lower now.

The Board will be meeting with Julia on Friday and will talk about the project.

5. Selectboard Orders

Duncan Nash and James Heath moved to sign the Selectboard Orders for the General Fund, the Highway Department, and the Hyde Park Fire Department. Voted unanimously in favor.

6. FAST Squad

Scott has talked to NEMS about taking over the license of the Hyde Park FAST Squad. NEMS had no interest in insuring volunteers. Of concern is the leadership and training of the volunteers. Because of this liability the Board questioned the necessity of keeping a FAST Squad active in Hyde Park. A FAST Squad as a separate entity might increase the costs of liability insurance to the Town. Also, NEMS dispatches as soon as a call comes in and often arrives at a scene close to the same time that the FAST Squad arrives.

Scott noted that police are not carrying medical supplies like they did in the past.

The Board will invite interested FAST Squad members to talk with them at the July regular Selectboard Meeting.

7. Purchasing Policy

Duncan presented a revised capital purchase policy and the Board reviewed it. Rick would like to have an attorney review the language.

Duncan Nash and Russell Lanphear moved to adopt the Capital Purchase Policy. After a brief discussion Duncan and Russell withdrew their motion and second.

Scott will have Attorney Jim Mahoney review the policy, and it will be discussed again at the July, 2009 Selectboard Meeting.

8. Financial Statements

The Selectboard reviewed the May financial statements. In the next fiscal year a separate account will be set up for the capital equipment fund.

9. Dog Issues

Heike Hartmann is not happy about having to post “vicious dog” signs around the perimeter of her property. She said that it will likely affect her home business and asked the Board to reexamine the sign part of its request.

Heike’s dog has bitten twice and that’s why the Board has placed stipulations on the owner. It’s the responsibility of the Board to protect the public.

At this time the Selectboard is not inclined to change its opinion about the posting of “vicious dog” warning signs when there is a danger to the public.

10. Grading

Bill Bartlett called to find out if the Town would be willing to grade Pair Farm Ln. Research shows that old Selectboard minutes reflect that a request to grade a private road has to come through the Selectboard.

The Board discussed how to charge for labor and equipment. It was the consensus of the Board members to charge for a minimum of one hour of time that includes an operator and the equipment. Russ estimated that the current rate for a grader and operator would be close to \$150.00 per hour.

Duncan Nash and James Heath moved to charge a minimum of one hour for a grader and operator to grade a private road; the grading to be done at the convenience of the Highway Department; and that the Town is not liable for any damage that may occur while grading a private road. Voted unanimously in favor.

11. Lamoille County Sheriff’s Department Contract

Duncan Nash and Russell Lanpher moved to sign the 2009-2010 contracts with the Lamoille County Sheriff’s Department for communications and patrol services. Voted unanimously in favor.

12. Review Applications for Town Clerk / Treasurer Position

Duncan Nash and James Heath moved to enter executive session at 7:31 pm to review applications for the Town Clerk / Treasurer position. Voted unanimously in favor.

It was the consensus of the Board to leave executive session at 7:50 pm.

Duncan Nash and James Heath moved to have the Selectboard interview three applicants chosen in executive session, to write letters to the non-resident applicants explaining that they do not qualify for this position, and to write the others to thank them for applying and that their resumes will be kept on file for future job openings. Voted unanimously in favor.

The interviews will take place on Thursday, June 18 beginning at 6:00 p.m. One-half hour will be allowed for each interview.

13. Other Business

A. Highway Diesel Fuel

The Selectboard authorized Russ Lanphear to order a load of diesel fuel for the Highway Department.

B. Invitation

The Selectboard received an invitation to the opening of a trail for the disabled on June 20 at the Green River Reservoir.

C. North Hyde Park Cemetery

James Heath is concerned about the deterioration of gravestones at the North Hyde Park Cemetery. Dawn Slayton can give him a contact person for that cemetery.

D. Adjournment

**James Heath moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 8:10 p.m.
Voted unanimously in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Anderson, Town Clerk