



**VILLAGE OF HYDE PARK**  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of December 14, 2022

**Regular Meeting**

The duly warned regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Wednesday, December 14, 2022 in the Lanpher Memorial Library.

Trustees: Chair Riki French; Dan Young, Adam Lory and Sue Trainor  
Staff: Carol Robertson, General Manager and Karen Wescom, Clerk/Treasurer  
Other: None

Chair Riki French called the regular meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. There were no public comments. There were one addition to the agenda. The Chair informed Trustees about an inquiry regarding future plans for Moss Woods. There was a general discussion.

Motion by Adam Lory and second by Dan Young to approve the Minutes of November 9, 2022, as revised to correct spelling errors in the signature line. Sue Trainor did not attend the meeting and abstained. The motion carried.

The detailed list of past due account by customer was reviewed. Warrants were reviewed and signed.

The GM reviewed recent regulatory filings and reports for Hyde Park Electric (“HPE”). The Public Utility Commission Case No. 22-4869-INV, Rates Related to Electric Vehicles, was filed on December 13. A discussion followed. The Public Utility Commission Case No. 22-3944-PET regarding VEPP Inc. request for approval to continue the purchase agreement between Ryegate Associate and VEPP Inc. HPE’s summary statement included “HPE does not support extending the proposed Ryegate power purchased agreement (“PPA”) an additional five years due to concerns raised by media and public information regarding the financial condition of Shared Solar. HPE believes that the risk to ratepayers should be evaluated prior to an extension of the PPA.” A discussion followed.

The GM reported no accidents or injuries within the month. Robert’s surgery will require the physician’s release to work which could be mid-January. Water and Wastewater operations were routine and with no issues to report. There was a discussion regarding the Great River Hydro contract extension and actions taken by Energy New England on our behalf. The regulatory process for the coming Hyde Park Electric retail rate increase was discussed, together it’s components: the 2021 Audit Report, the IRP under review at the Department of Public Service, the year-end financial reports, together with known and measurable expenses under consideration today. The filing is prudently moving forward. There was discussion of the need for securing transformers and other utility assets.

Following the review of the December 9, 2022 filing by Hyde Park Electric in response to the Vermont Department of Public Service Transformer Issues: Utility Questions, and discussion, motion by Adam Lory and second by Dan Young for new customer to bear the cost of new transformers required for new electric service as allowed by the Public Utility Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

After making a specific finding that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage; for the purpose of discussion of contracts; pending or probable civil litigation or a prosecution, to which the Adam public body is or may be a party, motion by Adam Lory and second by Sue Trainor to enter executive session at 8:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Adam Lory and second by Riki French to end the executive session at 9:12. The motion carried unanimously.

Following review and discussion, motion by Adam Lory and second by Dan Young to supersede the action of November 9, and approve the annual 3% overall increase to Water District Schedule A. applied to all (1, 2, 3): 1. Service Fee Classes, 2. Consumption Charges and 3. Stand-By Water Charges, effective with December 2022 consumption and January 2023 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Following review and discussion, motion by Adam Lory and second by Sue Trainor to supersede the action of November 9, and approve the annual 3% overall increase to Wastewater District Schedule A. applied to all (1 and 2): 1. Service Fee Classes and 2. Consumption Charges effective with December 2022 consumption and January 2023 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Following review and discussion of 2023 Health Insurance Premiums, which increased 17% over 2022 rates, motion by Adam Lory and second by Sue Trainor to maintain employee contributions at 25% and opt-out provisions. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Adam Lory and second by Dan Young to approve the wage, salary and apprenticeship plans. The motion carried unanimously.

There was one addition to the agenda. The Clerk was requested to contact the auditor for a proposal for an extension of the expired contract term.

There being no further business, motion by Sue Trainor second by Dan Young to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. The motion carried.

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Riki French, Chair

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