



VILLAGE OF HYDE PARK

Thursday August 6, 2026

Village Office

167 Main Street, Hyde Park

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING Minutes

Trustee Members: Peter Gallo, Board Clerk; Frederika French; Amy O'Toole; David Whitesell

Staff Present: Karen Wescom

Public: Scott Johnstone of Morrisville Water & Light, Interim GM; Ken Nolan of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority; Grace Sawyer, Vermont Public Power Supply Authority; Peter Raymond, Sheehey, Furlong, Behm; Susan Bartlett (left 5:48pm); Michael Wickenden (left 5:48pm)

1. Peter Gallo called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.
2. Peter Gallo asked if there were any modifications or changes to the agenda. There were none.
3. Peter Gallo asked if there were any public comments and/or individuals who would like to address the Board. There were none.

Action Items

4. Meeting Minutes- a. June 2, 2026; b. June 29, 2026; c. July 2, 2026.
Frederika French made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 2, June 29 and July 2 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by David Whitesell. The motion passed.
5. Check registers were not available for signing
6. Scott Johnstone, Interim Gm requested permission to sell the Ford 1 ton truck with dump body. David Whitesell made a motion to sell the Ford 1 ton truck with dump body. The motion was seconded by Frederika French. The motion passed.
7. Scott Johnstone, Interim GM presented a request by the Community Circle for use of the office parking lot for the tent and porta lets as well as the shop parking for RCT to drop off and pick up visitors from the parking at Lamoille Union for Hyde Park Home Day. Amy O'Toole made a motion to allow the Community Circle use of the office parking lot and the shop parking lot for Hyde Park Home Day. The motion was seconded by David Whitesell. The motion passed.

8. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by the Selectboard, the Village trustees have not approved this. Frederika French made a motion to approve the Local Hazard mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded by Amy O'Toole. The motion passed.
9. 5:10 pm Executive Session - Frederika French made a motion to enter executive session for VSA 313(a)(1)(f) confidential attorney-client discussion that would place the Village at a substantial disadvantage inviting Scott, Ken Nolan, Grace Sawyer, Peter Raymond, Karen Wescom. Motion seconded by Amy O'Toole. The motion passed unanimously. David Whitesell made a motion to enter executive Session. The motion was seconded by Frederika French. The motion passed unanimously. 5:29 pm Motion by Frederika French to come out of executive session. The Motion was seconded by David Whitesell. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Scott Johnstone gave an overview of the short timeline that would need to be following to have a charter change be approved by Village voters at the November General election. The anticipated draft would change the Electric Commission to allow Hyde Park rate payers that are not Village voters be on the Electric Commission.
11. Other business - none

Frederika French made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Amy O'Toole. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Water Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Trustee Members: Peter Gallo, Board Clerk; Frederika French; Amy O'Toole; David Whitesell

Staff Present: Karen Wescom

Public: Scott Johnstone of Morrisville Water & Light, Interim GM; Ken Nolan of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority; Grace Sawyer, Vermont Public Power Supply Authority

1. Peter Gallo called the meeting to order at 5:49 pm
2. Agenda Changes – None
3. Peter Gallo asked if there were any public comments and/or individuals who would like to address the Board. There was no public comment.

Action Items:

4. Water Connection request for Kingsley property on Centerville Road for 2-bedroom residence. Frederika French made a motion to allow the connection of a 2-bedroom residence pending State approval allowing the connection. The motion was seconded by David Whitesell. The motion passed.
5. Other Business – none
6. Frederika French made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Amy O'Toole. The motion passed.

Electric Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Trustee Members: Peter Gallo, Board Clerk; Frederika French; Amy O'Toole; David Whitesell

Staff Present: Karen Wescom

Public: Scott Johnstone of Morrisville Water & Light, Interim GM; Ken Nolan of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority; Grace Sawyer, Vermont Public Power Supply Authority

1. Call to order at 5:57 pm
2. Agenda Changes – none
3. Public Comment – none

Action Items

4. Frederika French made a motion to accept the Letter of Intent with Energy New England to expire at the end of the term. Motion Seconded by David Whitesell. The motion passed.
5. Scott Johnstone, Interim GM gave brief overview of his manager's report.
6. Grace Sawyer, VPPSA presented preliminary June financial statements for the electric department.
7. Other Business – ACRE program for income qualifying ratepayers has had about 5 applicants, office staff resources for outreach is encouraged as the program deadline is August 30, 2026.

Amy O'Toole made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by David Whitesell. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wescom, Village Clerk

