



VILLAGE OF HYDE PARK

Thursday December 4, 2025

Lanpher Memorial Library

141 Main Street, Hyde Park

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Trustee Members: Present: Peter Gallo, Clerk; Sue Trainor; Amy O'Toole; Remote: Frederika French, Chair

Staff Present: Scott Johnstone, Interim GM; Karen Wescom

Public: Ken Nolan of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority; Grace Sawyer of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority; Andy Bachand of Kittel Branagan & Sargent; Robin Barnet of Kittel Branagan & Sargent; Bob Stein; Matt Reed; and Graham Govoni.

1. Clerk Gallo called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.
2. Clerk Gallo asked if there were any modifications or changes to the agenda. An action item was added to the agenda immediately preceding item # 6 for the Trustees to take action on the recommendation of the interim Zoning Administrator and a to add a final action item related to the repair of the backhoe following item # 10.
3. Clerk Gallo asked if there were any public comments and/or individuals who would like to address the Board. Matt Reed, the land surveyor for the French house property asked if approval of the sub-division was on the agenda and the Trustees agreed to include it at the next regular meeting.
4. There was no Chair report.
5. Chair French made a motion to approve November 20, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Sue Trainor. The motion passed with the correction noted.
 - 5.a. Amy O'Toole made a motion to hire Steve McDonald as interim Village Zoning Administrator. The motion was seconded by Chair French. The motion passed.
6. Mr. Bachand of Kittel Branagan & Sargent gave a presentation of the 2024 Village of Hyde Park Audited Financial Report.

Executive Session: Chair French made a motion to enter Executive Session, under the provisions of 1 V.S.A §313(a)(3) pertaining to the Auditors' discussion with the Trustees. The motion was seconded by Sue Trainor. The motion was approved
7. Chair French made a motion to accept the 2024 Village of Hyde Park Audited Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Sue Trainor. The motion passed.
8. Four (4) warrants were presented for signature.
9. Amy O'Toole made a motion to affirm the 2026 Water Department rate increase of 3%. The motion was seconded by Sue Trainor. The motion passed.

10. Sue Trainor made a motion to affirm the 2026 Sewer Department rate increase of 3%. The motion was seconded by Amy O'Toole. The motion passed.
 - 10.a Amy O'Toole made a motion to approve the repair of the backhoe heater with an expenditure of up to \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Sue Trainor. The motion passed.
11. Grace Sawyer of the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority gave a brief presentation of the preliminary financial position for the Electric Department as of September 30, 2025. A brief discussion ensued.

Sue Trainor made a motion to table agenda items 12-15 until the next regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Amy O'Toole. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wescom
Village Clerk