



Village of Hyde Park
Thursday January 15, 2025

Village Office
167 Main Street, Hyde Park

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Minutes

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

Public: Scott Johnstone of Morrisville Water & Light; Ken Nolan of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority; Grace Sawyer of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority; Ron Shems of Tarrant, Gilles, Shems LLP

1. Chair French called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.
2. Chair French asked if there were any modifications or changes to the agenda. The Executive Session, Item #16 was moved up to item 3.a immediately following Public Comments so that Ron Shems of Tarrant, Gillies Shems, LLP would be able to attend.
3. Chair French asked if there were any public comments and/or individuals who would like to address the Board. There was no public comment.
- 3.a Executive Session: Chair French made a motion to find that premature public knowledge regarding personnel issues and contractual negotiations would place the Village of Hyde Park at a substantial disadvantage. The motion was seconded by Sue Trainor.

Chair French made a motion to enter Executive Session, under the provisions of 1 V.S.A §313(a)(1)(B) and (E) to discuss personnel issues, contractual negotiations, and privileged discussions with legal counsel under the provisions of V.S.A Title 1 §313(a)(1)(A). The motion was seconded by Sue Trainor. The motion was approved.

Board returned to regular session at 5:46 pm

4. There was no Chair report.
5. Sue Trainor made a motion to approve December 18, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Peter Gallo. The motion passed.

6. Sue Trainor made a motion to authorize Chairperson French to sign the 2025 Audit Engagement letter with KBS. The motion was seconded by Peter Gallo. The motion passed.
7. Ken Nolan of the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority gave a presentation regarding the various membership opportunities available to the Hyde Park Electric Department and the potential benefits of each one. A discussion ensued.

Peter Gallo made a motion to approve request to become a Strategic Member of the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority and design a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) while pursuing the process to full membership. The motion was seconded by Sue Trainor. The motion passed.

8. Amy O'Toole made a motion to the warrants as presented. The motion was seconded by Chair French. The motion passed.
9. Grace Sawyer of the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority gave a brief presentation of the preliminary financial position for the Electric Department as of November 30, 2025. A brief discussion ensued.
10. Grace Sawyer of the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority gave a brief presentation of the 2026 summary budgets for the Electric Department, Water Department & Sewer Departments. A brief discussion ensued.
11. Scott Johnstone, Interim Village Manager, gave a brief update on the status of the reliability grant. A brief discussion ensued.
12. Scott Johnstone, Interim Village Manager, gave a brief update on the status of the Sub-Station and the next steps in the repair process. A brief discussion ensued.
13. Scott Johnstone, Interim Village Manager, reviewed items not already discussed from his written Manager's report. Mr. Johnstone also provided an update on the status of the water storage project. A brief discussion ensued.
14. Scott Johnstone, Interim Village Manager, gave an update on the legislative landscape including testimony that he made in the morning. Ken Nolan of the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority also provided an update on recent items of interest. A brief discussion ensued.
15. Chair French noted that she would like to hold an appreciation breakfast for the staff.
16. Executive session was moved to item 3.a.

17. No action was taken when returning from Executive session.

18. Peter Gallo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chair French.
The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wescom
Village Clerk