



# Village of Hyde Park

Thursday July 11, 2024

Village Conference Room, Municipal Building  
167 Main Street, Hyde Park

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES – 4:00 p.m.

Trustees: Frederika French, Chair; Peter Gallo, Clerk; Sue Trainor, Amy O'Toole

Guests: Brian Evans-Mongeon, Village Manager; Karen Wescom, Village Clerk/Treasurer; Brent Sheets, Town of Hyde Park Administrator; Steven Yarak.

Call to order: Frederika French called the meeting at 4 PM.

Open Public Comments: Steven Yarak, he's revitalizing the property at the corner of West Main Street and Johnson Street Extension. He was in town and wanted to come to the Trustees and PC meetings to see how the Village operated.

1. Additions / Revisions to the Agenda: No changes
2. Chair's Report: The Chair did not have anything report at this time.
3. Minutes of June 25, 2024 Special Meeting: Sue Trainor made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2024 Special Trustees Meeting. Peter Gallo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without abstention.
4. Review List of Past Due Accounts by Customer: The Village Manager distributed a handout illustrating the latest efforts on past due accounts. Collections are slightly ahead of last month.
5. Warrants: The Village Treasurer presented the latest warrants for signatures.
6. ATV on roads discussion with the Town: Brent Sheets, the Town of Hyde Park Town Administrator presented information relating to the 2019 Town Select Board and recent amendment decisions to permit All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) on town highways and trail systems. With town highways defined as all roadways and trails within the Town, the policy would also apply to the streets within the Village jurisdiction. There was discussion concerning noise from the vehicles, as well as who's going to handle the enforcement for violations. The Trustees thanked Mr. Sheets for the information and asked that any ongoing discussions be given the opportunity for sharing with the Trustees prior to setting any new or revised policies on the matter.
7. Inspection Report on WasteWater System 1: The VM presented the inspection report and reported that steps are to be taken to complete the tasks prior to the next inspection.
8. Inspection Report on WasteWater System 2: The VM presented the inspection report and reported that steps are to be taken to complete the tasks prior to the next inspection.
9. Municipal Energy section in Municipal Plan: The Trustees suggested that someone look to attend various town led meetings going forward in an effort to identify concerns that may have overlapping effects on the Town and Village.
10. NEPPA Annual Conference – Mt. Washington Hotel, August 25-28: The VM shared information on the upcoming NEPPA Annual Conference and indicated that if any Trustees wanted to attend to please advise of such interest and the Village would arrange for their participation.
11. Union Certification: The VM reported that he received the Vermont Labor Relations Board's (VLRB) certification of the establishment of the Village of Hyde Park union for its line workers. At this time, no additional information was made available as the Village is waiting for further notifications from the union.
12. Utility Pole relocation on the Johnson Street Extension: Recently, the Town Administrator reached out the VM to request the Electric Department review the relocation plans for certain utility poles associated with the Johnson Street Extension project. The VM reported that he and the line crew visited the site and discussed options for the work. After that discussion, the VM shared with the Town Administrator, and their engineers a more desirable plan for



relocation of five utility poles in that area. Along with that, the VM indicated that the project should reconsider the design of the “T” intersection there in order to mitigate some of the vehicular traffic issues there. Calming options and turning should be considered as a means to minimize aggressive tendencies and road rage in the Village area. The VM indicated that they are awaiting response from the engineers on any discussions with VAOT on the matter.

13. Interest Rate adjustment on Deposit Accounts: The VM reported that after discussion with Union Bank, the Village will be obtaining a better interest rate for its deposit accounts. The bank’s action is scheduled to be reviewed by March 31, 2025 for continuance.
14. Authorization for Small Equipment Bank Note: The loan for the Village’s digger truck is up for renewal. The note has a 3-year amortization but has a 12-month duration. The Village wishes to continue the loan for another 12-month period. Sue Trainor made a motion to approve the bank note and authorize the Village staff to execute the paperwork. Peter Gallo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without abstention.
15. Water/Wastewater Allocation Increase, 86 Depot Street: The VM reported that the resident at 86 Depot Street requested an increase in water and wastewater allocations. The VM indicated that the increases are consistent with past practices and can be given without harm to the system. Peter Gallo made the motion to approve the allocation increases. Amy O’Toole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without abstention.
16. Executive Session, if applicable in accordance with V.S.A. Sec. 313: Frederika French made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:20 PM for the purposes of discussing personnel with the Village Manager and Village Clerk/Treasurer as guests. Peter Gallo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without abstention.
  - a. Amy O’Toole made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:30 PM. Peter Gallo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without abstention.
  - b. There was no action taken.
17. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wescom, Village Clerk