



Village of Hyde Park

Thursday August 7, 2025

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes

Trustee Members: Present: Frederika French, Chair; Peter Gallo, Sue Trainor, Amy O'Toole
Staff Present: Brian Evans-Mongeon, Village Manager
Public: None

Chair French called the meeting to order at 5 PM.

1. Tom Dunn, CEO for Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO) was introduced to the Board by the Village Manager. Tom shared information relating to the goals and objectives of the organization and the Village serves as a stockholder in the company. Along with this presentation, Tom talked about how the growth of transmission investments has been impacting the region and how VELCO deals with decisions being made in this arena. He then correlated how VELCO equity treatments work for the benefit of the stockholders like the Village.
2. Sue Trainor made a motion to approve the minutes of the Trustees' July 17, 2025. Amy O'Toole seconded the amended minutes motion, and the motion passed unanimously, without abstention.
3. The Village Manager asked the Trustees to acknowledge and affirm the memorialization of the Trustees approval the Town and Village Hazard Mitigation Plan at the July 22, 2025 Town of Hyde Select Board meeting. *Motion made by Riki French to approve the proposed Town & Village LHMP pending all edits as discussed this day. Peter Gallo seconded. Passed unanimously, without abstention.* Amy O'Toole made a motion to have the Trustees acknowledge and affirm the motion passed on July 22, 2025 at the Town of Hyde Park Select Board meeting. Peter Gallo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, without abstention.
4. The Village Manager reported on his discussions for the Hyde Park Home Day event. He indicated that the Anniversary celebration musical event was scheduled for 7 PM on Saturday September 13 and would be held at the Opera House. The Village Manager reported that the acts for the show have lined up, a table during Home Day event was secured, and we offered up a design for the sticker swag. The Village Manager indicated he received a request from the Home Day Coordinator on a joint mailing approach and wondered if the Trustees would be on board with that. They indicated agreement with the joint mailing. There was discussion on the possibility of having the electric bucket truck as part of the Home Day event.
5. The Village Manager and Clerk talked about the ongoing transition to the new customer information system software. The Go-Live date was Monday, August 4, 2025. The Village Manager reported that the preparatory training and staff support had made the start up go very

smoothly. The NISC staff had been onsite and available all week long to support this effort and were helpful when there were questions or situations needing attention.

6. The Village Manager handed out warrants for review and signature by the Trustees.
7. The Village Manager presented financial reports highlighting the 2024 profit-loss and balance sheets as they stand at this time. Both documents still need to be reconciled with the auditor before they can be final. Initially, the financial status looks to have slightly improved from 2023 to 2024 as a result of the actions taken by the Village Manager and Village Treasurer on the Village's controls and policies.
8. The Village Manager and Village Treasurer have continued to work to support a retail rate filing. At this time, the rate adjustment case is looking to be around 25% based upon the anticipated costs being forecasted. Overall, the costs of operating the electric division have increased across the board. The Manager reported that the work load for case preparation is taking a little longer but the filing is expected to be made by the end of month (August). This will still keep the start of the revenue collections the same as previously thought, which would be occurring in December due to the lag in timing from the effective date to the first billing date. There was discussion on the possibility of a Commission investigation and how the Village would handle any implications of collections versus potential refunds post any investigation. It was requested that the Board Chair be included in as many of the DPS/Commission conversations as possible.
9. The Village Manager presented the latest round of Purchase Requests to the Trustees for their review and discussion. The requests sought authority to purchase various needs, up to a total of \$25,000. The requests encompassed purchasing supplies for work inventory, cyber and network security, and physical asset security needs.
10. The Village Manager shared two updates with the Trustees. First, the State of Vermont has drafted a proposal that indicates the Reservoir replacement project has been slated for some monies. The amount of funding is still an unknown but the State has now indicated that the project would be slated for construction in 2025 or 2026. Secondly, the other update was about the Village's application for US DOE grant to the DPS for grid resilience projects. The Village had proposed the Mudgett Hill Project as a second substation to the funding request. The DPS indicated that the project has since announced that the project does not match the requirements for funding. The Manager indicated he is communicating with the DPS on why they made the determination they did.
11. Subject to roundtable questions, the Village Manager reported that the Town, based upon input from the Village, decided not to abate taxes on a property in North Hyde Park. The Village Manager and Peter Gallo reported on a meeting had with MSI, Inc. on potential needs for Village services at 183 Main Street. They are planning to rejuvenate the building and wanted to discuss prospects for zoning, electric, water, and wastewater services.
12. Amy O'Toole made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM. Sue Trainor seconded and the motion passed unanimously, without abstention.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Evans-Mongeon
Village Manager