



**Village of Hyde Park**  
**Thursday December 18, 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; Matt Reed and Bob Stein.

1. Chair French called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.
2. Chair French asked if there were any modifications or changes to the agenda. A discussion item was added to the agenda noted as item #8.1 to discuss recent developments in the Phase I rate case.
3. Chair French asked if there were any public comments and/or individuals who would like to address the Board. Bob Stein addressed the Board with a couple of questions and a brief discussion ensued.
4. The Chair provided a brief update to the Board on the Act 133 training that she completed related to the changes in the Open Meeting Law.
5. Chair French and Clerk Gallo identified that they might have a conflict related to the French house survey but believed that because the proposed action was only to confirm what was in place and not to change anything than no conflict actually existed. Sue Trainor and Amy O'Toole concurred. Sue Trainor made a motion to accept the survey and property description as presented. Matt Reed, the land surveyor for the French house property, presented the property description and land boundaries from the recent survey that he completed. Amy O'Toole seconded the motion. The motion passed.
6. Sue Trainor made a motion to approve December 4, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Amy O'Toole. The motion passed.
7. There were no warrants to sign and approve.

8. Grace Sawyer of the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority gave a brief presentation of the preliminary financial position for the Electric Department as of October 31, 2025. A brief discussion ensued. Sue Trainor requested that the financial narrative report be included with the approved minutes when posted to the website in the future. All board members concurred.

8.1 Ken Nolan of the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority gave a status overview of the Phase I rate case work and recent developments. A brief discussion ensued.

9. Scott Johnstone, Interim Village Manager, held a verbal discussion and provided updates to the Board on several items that were included in his written report. Main topics included but were not limited to the recent outage, the aging transformer, issues with the call center, Facebook notifications, VPPSA membership options, and future meeting and training schedules.

10. Chair French opened the roundtable discussion. Amy O'Toole brought up several old business items that she wanted to ensure did not get lost in the midst of everything going on with the Electric Department. The items noted include but are not limited to: The Emergency Plan, Hazzard Mitigation discussion, the Town & Village development plans, and the Joint Municipal Plan. A brief discussion ensued.

11. Executive Session: Sue Trainor made a motion to enter Executive Session, under the provisions of 1 V.S.A §313(a)(1)(F) to discuss potential litigation and 1 V.S.A §313(a)(1)(B) to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Peter Gallo. The motion was approved. The Board entered Executive session at 6:29 pm.

Amy O'Toole made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:32 pm, seconded by Sue Trainor. The motion passed.

12. Peter Gallo made a motion to approve the wage increases as presented to be effective January 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Amy O'Toole. The motion passed.

13. Amy O'Toole made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chair French. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wescom  
Village Clerk