



Village of Hyde Park
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting May 18, 2023

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Regular Meeting:

The duly warned special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Thursday May 18, 2023 at the Lanpher Memorial Library 141 Main St.

Trustees: Chair Riki French; Clerk Peter Gallo; Dan Young; Sue Trainor

Staff: Brian Evans-Mongeon, Interim GM; Karen Wescom, Clerk/Treasurer; Loren Leahy, Zoning Administrator

Others: Victoria Hellwig, LCPC; Valerie Sodano, Resident

Chair Riki French call the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Public Comments: Valerie Sodano stated her interest in opening business in the Village and that she is having a tough time finding a suitable place as there are very limited or no properties on the market or seemingly available to rent. She was wondering if the French House could be an option. The Trustees expressed a willingness to consider the idea and will work with her as she pursues her interests.

No additions/Revisions to the agenda

Motion by Sue Trainor to un-table the minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting seconded by Peter Gallo. The motion carried.

Motion by Dan Young to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 8, 2023 seconded by Pater Gallo. The motion carried.

Motion by Peter Gallo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 12, 2023 seconded by Sue Trainor. The motion carried.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Past due account lists were reviewed.

Victoria Hellwig, LCPC Assistant Planner, was present to discuss the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) grant program and to let us know that LCPC is available for assistance with the completion of the grants, she presented the different levels of grants, and the purpose of the program being to assist municipalities with reducing energy burden. Victoria noted up to 20% of the funding could be used for ADA compliance measures at

public buildings.

The town expects to replace the road signs in the Village when they have completed the Stormwater project at Church and Main St. The Village Improvement Association wants to be involved in the sign design process to assist and provide feedback. The Trustees discussed the Village brand is important and should be considered first and welcome any thoughts from others. The Trustees authorized the Interim GM to be their point of contact on this task.

The Community Circle is holding the annual Ice Cream Social on July 24th and are seeking additional helpers for scooping.

To volunteer contact anyone below:

HPCC Members: Jack
Anderson, Beth Carrier,
John Clark, Judy Clark,
Everett Dickinson,
Savannah Droney, Elisabeth
Fenn, Deb Henderson, Pixie
Loomis, Amy Olsen,
Savalla Rambo

The Interim GM reported he would like to have a Trustee/Staff Strategy Meeting this summer and has selected 7/14/23 in the afternoon. The Board seemed available and added the date to their calendars.

After receiving three estimates for a base distribution study, the Interim GM will contract with PLM as outlined in their proposal with modifications as needed.

The Interim GM reported that he has had discussions with the Department of Public Service and progress has been made with the MOU for the 2022 IRP.

The Interim GM reported that there have been inverters malfunctioning at Waterhouse Solar, and some of them have been replaced. There have been some issues with the data communications module and a solution is in progress.

The Interim GM reported the 2023 Wastewater inspection has been completed by the engineers, we are waiting for the completed report, the State required filing date is by July 1.

The Interim GM reported the Water system sanitary survey, that is required every three years, was just completed. This is the first sanitary survey since the completion of Phase I of the necessary water system upgrades.

The Interim GM reported the rate case is in progress we are transferring data and projecting future costs as far out as possible.

The Interim GM reported that he contacted the GMTCC IT instructor for an assessment of current IT infrastructure and future needs, that is in progress.

The Interim GM reported he has been in contact with VEIC regarding their data transfer

requests and is hopeful the software company can complete the updates required for VEIC in the near future.

The Interim GM reported the Energy New England wholesale services contract for purchased power is due for renewal in July for another five-year term. There was consensus that renewal would be a preferred option. No action was taken at the meeting to authorize execution. The Trustees expressed a desire to further consider the contract language.

Other business: The Interim GM reported the digger truck, used to set and remove poles, has a major hydraulic problem and it is too soon to know if the repair cost will be worth it or if replacement is the best way to go.

There being no further business, motion by Sue Trainor and second by Peter Gallo to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Riki French, Chair

Date