



# VILLAGE OF HYDE PARK

Thursday April 2, 2026

Village Office

167 Main Street, Hyde Park

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

### Minutes

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

**Public:** Scott Johnstone of Morrisville Water & Light; Ken Nolan of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority; Denise Greene; Ron Shems of T. G. S., PLC;

1. Chair French called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.
2. Chair French asked if there were any modifications or changes to the agenda.
3. Chair French asked if there were any public comments and/or individuals who would like to address the Board.
4. Warrants were approved by signature.
5. Denise Greene of Town Energy Committee was present to discuss a forum on Geothermal heat happening at the Town building on June 18, 2026 at 6:30 PM.
6. 2026 Budget was reviewed as well as the annual Village meeting warning. Motion by Suan Trainor to approve the annual meeting warning with the change to article 8 using a tax rate of \$.11. Motion seconded by Amy O'Toole. The motion passed.
7. Chair French announced she was resigning from the LCPC board and the Trustee's would need to appoint a representative from the Village.

Amy O'Toole made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Susan Trainor. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm

## **ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING Minutes**

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

**Public:** Scott Johnstone of Morrisville Water & Light; Ken Nolan of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority; Ron Shems of T. G. S., PLC

1. Chair French called the meeting to order at 5:49PM.
2. Chair French asked if there were any modifications or changes to the agenda. Item 12 change to executive session for attorney-client communications pending legal matters
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.
4. Susan Trainor made a motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2026 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Peter Gallo. The motion passed.
5. Susan Trainor made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2026 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Amy O'Toole. The motion passed.
6. Susan Trainor made a motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2026 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Peter Gallo. The motion passed.
7. Susan Trainor made a motion to approve the minutes of March 25, 2026 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Amy O'Toole. The motion passed.
8. Susan Trainor made a motion to approve the minutes of March 30, 2026 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Amy O'Toole. The motion passed.
9. Peter Gallo made a motion to approve the VPPSA Strategic Membership Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was seconded by Amy O'Toole. The motion passed.
10. Peter Gallo made a motion to appoint Susan Trainor to the VPPSA board as the representative for Hyde Park. The motion was seconded by Amy O'Toole. The motion passed.
11. Susan Trainor made a motion to increase electric rates no more than 22% and authorize filing of the rate case. The motion was seconded by Peter Gallo. The motion passed.

### Discussion Items

1. No Chair report
2. No updates
3. Scott Johnstone, Interim Village Manager, gave a brief update on some of the items in his written report to the Commission. The Water Department received notification that the letters regarding lead testing had not been sent, this will be indicated in the Consumer Confidence Report. Substation transformer and other work will be completed soon for re-energizing.
4. No Roundtable Discussion.
5. Susan Trainor made a motion to find that premature public disclosure of matter relating to contract negotiations and pending legal matters would clearly place the Village at a substantial disadvantage. Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. 313(a)(1)(A), 1 V.S.A would place the public body at a substantial disadvantage. Inviting Scott Johnstone, Karen Wescom, Ken Nolan, Ron Shems. Motion Seconded by Amy O'Toole. Motion passed, all in Favor (4-0).

7:26 PM – Susan Trainor made a motion to exit executive session. Motion seconded by Peter Gallo. Motion passed, all in favor (4-0).

6. Susan Trainor made a motion authorizing Ron Shems, Esq. and Ken Nolan, VPPSA GM to file the 108 petition and supporting materials with the Dept. of Public Service and Public Utility Commission. Motion seconded by Peter Gallo. The motion passed.
7. Susan Trainor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Peter Gallo. The motion passed.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wescom, Village Clerk