



VILLAGE OF HYDE PARK

Thursday March 5, 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; Grace Sawyer of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority; Ron Shems of T. G. S., PLC; Bob Tina

1. Chair French called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. Chari French spoke briefly on behalf of Mary Walz of the Knot in Hyde Park Committee regarding their interest in a mitigation area located on Village owned land and will be attending the April meeting to present details. Alec Jones of LCPC was present as a reminder the public comment period for the Hyde Park Hazard Mitigation plan would be open until next.
4. Scott Johnstone, Interim Village Manager, gave a brief update on the preparations for the Village Annual Meeting. A brief discussion ensued.

Peter Gallo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Amy O'Toolle.
The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 pm

WATER & SEWER 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; Grace Sawyer of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority; Ron Shems of T. G. S., PLC; Bob Tina

1. Chair French called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

2. Chair French asked if there were any modifications or changes to the agenda. There were none.
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. Scott Johnstone, Interim Village Manager, gave a brief update on the water reservoir planning loan application and requested the selection of Tailwater Engineering. A brief discussion ensued. Susan Trainor made a motion to authorize Scott Johnstone, Interim Village Manager, to execute the engineering agreement with Tailwater Engineering not to exceed \$80,000.00. The motion was seconded by Chair French. The motion passed.
5. Scott Johnston gave a brief update on the results of the annual inspection performed by the State of Vermont there were some minor deficiencies that resulted in Notice of Alleged Violation that will need to be cured. Staff will complete the tasks.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 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; Grace Sawyer of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority; Ron Shems of T. G. S., PLC

1. Chair French called the meeting to order at 5:44 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. There was no public comment.
4. Defer action – minutes of February 5, 2026 Meeting.
5. Defer Action – minutes of February 18, 2026 Special Meeting
6. Defer action – Vermont Public Power Supply Authority, VPPSA, strategic membership agreement.

7. Defer action – Warrants

Discussion Items

1. Chair French reported some items she added regarding Village functions to the draft document from the Board/Commission for future posting on the Village website.
2. Grace Sawyer of VPPSA gave a brief financial update to the Commissioners.
3. Scott Johnstone, Interim Village Manager, gave a brief update on some of the items in his written report to the Commission. Office staff increases this week are a former employee is working on a part-time status and VPPSA, through their staffing agency, has been able to assist with a temporary full-time staff person. Substation testing, completed to date, is seemingly positive. There are other tests in progress pending positive outcome and completion of rephrasing the substation could be reenergized.
4. No Roundtable Discussion.
5. 6:30 PM - Susan Trainor moved to enter executive session to discuss legal matters that premature disclosure of would place the public body at a substantial disadvantage. Inviting Scott Johnstone, Karen Wescom, Ken Nolan, and Grace Sawyer. Motion Seconded by Amy O'Toole. Motion passed, all in Favor (4-0).

Susan Trainor made a motion to enter executive session to discuss confidential personnel matters. Inviting Scott Johnstone, Karen Wescom, Ken Nolan, and Grace Sawyer. Motion seconded by Amy O'Toole. Motion passed, all in favor (4-0).

7:20 PM – Chair French 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 to accept the report as discussed be filed with the changes. Motion seconded by Peter Gallo.
7. Peter Gallo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Amy O'Toole. The motion passed.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wescom, Village Clerk