



**Village of Hyde Park  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of September 8, 2021**

The duly warned regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Town Community Room and remotely on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

Trustees: Chair Riki French; Jack Anderson, Peter Gallo and Adam Lory  
Others: Carol Robertson, General Manager

Chair Riki French called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. There were no public comments. There were no revisions or additions to the agenda. The Chair reviewed the Public Notice of the Bylaw Amendment public hearing to be held on October 13 at 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Village issues and concerns were discussed. There was a review and discussion of the Governor's recent actions in response to the pandemic, as well as a review City of Burlington vaccination policy effective August 20, 2021. Vaccination requirements for employees will be reviewed for potential action at the October meeting. The detailed list of past due accounts by customer was reviewed and discussed. There was a review of the Net-Metering Credits. July net-metering credits total was \$6,280.40, with \$4,681.07 to Lamoille Union High School. August total was \$7,627.33, with \$5,985.82 to Lamoille Union High School.

Warrants were reviewed and signed. Motion by Peter Gallo and second by Riki French to approve the minutes of August 18, 2021. Adam Lory did not attend the meeting and abstained. The motion carried.

There were no recommendations by the Planning Commission for DRB alternate member appointments. There was a discussion of an addition to the Planning Commission.

There was a review and discussion the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") adopted on May 11, 2016 between the Board of Trustees and Village residents participating in the 2015 Village Municipal Planning Grant. The MOU required state and/or federal grant funds, and those grants required Letters of Support from the Selectboard, which were denied. Motion by Peter Gallo and second by Adam Lory to notice participants and residents that the MOU is cancelled. Motion carried. A copy of the MOU is attached to these minutes.

Following review and discussion of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Local Fiscal Recovery Funding, and updated information by VLCT stating that the funds may be held in either a separate bank account or in a separate general ledger fund, motion by Riki French and second by Peter Gallo to rescind action taken at the August 18 Board meeting to require that these funds be held in a Union Bank account. The motion carried.

The executed Hyde Park (RF3-386): Step III ESA Amendment was reviewed. The General Manager reported on Utilities Work Plan and Operations, Water Improvements Construction Progress, Wastewater Improvement Construction Progress, and Power Supply / ISO-NE matters. There was a review and discussion of pending matters at the Department of Public Service and the Public Utility Commission. There was a report on the most current letters of objection, Case No. 21-1710-AN, Rate Increase Process in 30 V.S.A. §218(n), as well as Case No. 19-0856-RULE Proposed revisions to Vermont PUC Rule 5.500. She reported that the Department of Public Service requested engagement six months prior to filing the 2022 Integrated Resources Plan. The first step is a load forecast. N.A. Manosh was provided a 42-day contract extension for water system construction and September 3 is the revised substantial completion date.

Following discussion, motion by Peter Gallo and second by Adam Lory to acknowledge the need for an executive session for the purpose of discussion of Contracts. 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(A); and Labor relations agreements with employees. 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(B); and to enter executive session at 8:17 p.m. The motion carried. Jack Anderson entered the meeting.

Motion by Peter Gallo and second by Riki French to end executive session and resume regular session at 8:43 p.m. The motion carried. Jack Anderson abstained. No action was taken.

There being no further business, motion by Jack Anderson and second by Adam Lory to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. The motion carried.

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Riki French, Chair

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Date

## **Village of Hyde Park**

### **Message from the Board of Trustees**

July 2016

#### **Village Pedestrian Masterplan – Municipal Planning Grant 15 (“MPG 15”)**

We offer this report with special thanks and appreciation to those who participated in the Masterplan series of public forums moderated by Kate Lalley, Sr. Planner, Lamoille County Planning Commission. This grant funded project hoped to gain input from all Village residents and property owners leading to a consensus. This will help guide efforts toward a more livable and valuable Village and development of a legacy Main Street to endure another 200 years. We hope you enjoyed these forums and will participate in future efforts.

At the conclusion of the series of public forums, we believe that moderator Kate Lalley provided the Board with a good understanding of consensus support regarding the use and renovation of the French property located at the corner of Commonwealth and Main. This consensus summary is the Memorandum of Understanding, MPG 15 adopted by the Board on May 11 and shown below.

If you wish to express your personal point of view, please attend a Board meeting. Monthly regular meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lanpher Memorial Library, rear door. Warnings of all meetings posted online at [www.hydeparkvt.com](http://www.hydeparkvt.com), as well as at the Village office, Town office and post office. Open Public Comments is an early agenda item at each meeting.

### **FRENCH BUILDING**

#### **Memorandum of Understanding, MPG 15**

##### **Consensus Support**

1. Public Restrooms
2. Elsa French Park, with acceptable guidelines for use that do not compete with local business

##### **Provisional Consensus Support**

1. Renovation of the French Family Building with Village municipal office

Provision: There is no significant Village tax impact caused by the building due to renovation, operation or maintenance/repair.

To accomplish the provision, the Board of Trustees will pursue options regarding ownership and space sharing alternatives provided that, all options are consistent with Village standards and requirements, ordinances, as well as the non-profit status requirement that is contained in the deed.

##### **Consensus Goal**

The renovation will reasonably preserve this historic property to the extent financially possible. The renovation will be quality construction that meets or exceeds Vermont energy standards. The building will support business and economic development, thereby increasing the Village tax base above the reduction caused by removing the home from the tax base.