



VILLAGE OF HYDE PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of September 9, 2020

The duly warned regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was electronically held on September 9, 2020.

Trustees Present: Riki French, Chair, Jack Anderson, Peter Gallo and Dan Young

Others: Carol Robertson, General Manager

Chair Riki French called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened the floor for public comments. There were none. The Chair requested that the election of the Chair be delayed until the next regular meeting. There were no objections. The GM stated that agenda item 4.a. was written to include any recommendation to the Board by the Planning Commission.

Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Riki French to re-elect Peter Gallo to serve as Clerk of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a review and discussion of the letter received from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division sent in response to the Hyde Park Water System Sanitary Survey. There was a review and discussion of the August 4, 2020 Village letter sent in response to the state's letter. Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Peter Gallo to send an amended letter to state regulators based on new information that should resolve the hydraulic concerns and pump approval required by the state for a residence on Centerville Road, and take state required regulatory action to again notify the resident remaining on the cross-county water transmission line that the state will not allow this water line to remain in service. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Dan Young to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing, August 20, 2020 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 12, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Peter Gallo to direct the GM to contact Norm Andrews and ask him if he accepts the Bliss Fund Trustee position since he received the most qualified write-in votes for the vacant position. The motion carried unanimously.

Following review and discussion, motion by Jack Anderson and second by Peter Gallo to approve the proposed seven-year lease agreement with Nortrax for a 2019 JOHN DEERE 310SL HL BACKHOE LOADER. The motion carried unanimously.

The GM gave a review of utility operations to include current year Renewable Energy Standard Compliance and consideration of 2021 Tier 3 rebates. There was a review of the Public Utilities

Commission required Pole Attachment Tariff revisions for all VT electric utilities in order to comply with the PUC's order.

There was an update and discussion of Water Improvements and Wastewater Improvements in process. Vermont COVID-19 Arrearage Assistance Program was discussed.

Peter Gallo noted that action under agenda item 4.a. was outstanding. Following discussion, motion by Peter Gallo and second by Dan Young to inform the Selectboard of the following action:

The Board of Trustees requests that the Selectboard halt paving of Prospect Street until a proper Streetscape Project process with resident participation is completed. Recognizing that Public Trees on Prospect Street were cut without due process, the Board of Trustees asks that the Selectboard appropriately satisfy residents issues and reassure Village residents that, in the future, Public Trees will not be cut within the Town Right-of-Way without due process. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. by Jack Anderson and second by Peter Gallo. The motion carried.

Riki French

Date