



## **Village of Hyde Park Board of Trustees Minutes of May 19, 2021**

The duly warned regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was electronically held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

Trustees: Chair Riki French; Jack Anderson, Peter Gallo and Adam Lory  
Staff: Carol Robertson, General Manager  
Karen Wescom, Office & Zoning Administrator and Village Clerk/Treasurer  
Others: Mary Walz

Chair Riki French called the regular meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. There were no additions to agenda and no public comments.

The Chair requested nominations to elect the Chair. Motion by Peter Gallo to nominate Frederika French as Chair of the Board of Trustees and second by Adam Lory. There were no other nominations. The motion carried unanimously.

The Chair requested nominations to elect the Clerk of the Board. Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Adam Lory to nominate Peter Gallo as Clerk of the Board. There were no other nominations. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustees expressed appreciation to the Chair and the Clerk of the Board for their service and willingness to continue these responsibilities.

There was a review of the May 19 Planning Commission action to recommended a zoning amendment.

Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Adam Lory to accept the Planning Commission recommendation and move forward by statute, notice the public and hold a public hearing that will allow an amendment to the Village Land Use and Development Regulations, Zoning Bylaws, Village Gateway Commercial District to establish the same permitted uses within the Gateway Commercial District as allowed within the Village Center District, with the exception of residential use. The motion carried unanimously.

Following the recommendation of the Planning Commission, consideration of revisions to zoning fees and charges will advance to the June meeting.

Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Peter Gallo to ratify the GM's mail request to Senator Sanders requesting appropriations funding for replacement of the water tank. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Adam Lory to approve the minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting, as presented. Riki French abstained due to her absence. The motion carried.

Motion by Peter Gallo and second by Adam Lory to approve the minutes of April 14, 2021, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Peter Gallo to approve the minutes of April 21, 2021, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The GM discussed the current procedure for Board approval of warrants. All warrants to-date have been sent by email to Trustees to review online. This will continue as long as necessary. Inquires or concerns about warrant(s) are addressed in any manner that a Trustee chooses, directed to staff and/or in a Board meeting. Warrants are signed in the office or delivered to the Trustees home for signature and returned to the Clerk.

The 2020 Audit Report and Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Adam Lory and second by Peter Gallo to accept the Independent Auditor's Report of Kittell Branagan & Sargent, Certified Public Accountants and publish the report on [www.villageofhydepark.com](http://www.villageofhydepark.com). The motion carried unanimously.

The GM discussed the new S.60 legislation as well as the high cost of the 2019 tariff filing and presented a Tariff/Rate Schedule for 2021. Motion by Peter Gallo and second by Adam Lory to direct the GM to initiate discussions with the Department of Public Service in preparation of filing for a 2% overall increase. The motion carried unanimously.

The Chair reported that there were no Village issues and concerns to discuss. She reported that the list of past due accounts for all utilities had been email to Trustees for review.

The GM reviewed the Five-Year Utilities Work-Plan and gave an issues update on regulatory issues, to include a recent meeting with the Department of Public Service at which our consulting engineers provided studies attesting to the risk to the Hyde Park Electric system if any new net metering is added.

Motion by Peter Gallo and second by Adam Lory to acknowledge the need to enter executive session at 9:10 p.m. 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). The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jack Anderson to end the executive session and enter the regular session at 9:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. No action was taken.

There being no further business, motion by Jack Anderson and second by Peter Gallo to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Riki French, Chair

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Date