

Village of Old Bennington
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2022

Officials Present: Trustees Susan Wright, Jim Warren, Steven Anisman, Ed Woods, Clerk Jan Buonanno, Treasurer Kathy Wagenknecht, Moderator Pat Winburn

1. Come to order. The meeting was called to order at 7:04.
2. Reading of the Warning by Trustee Anisman
3. Introductions
4. New residents introductions: Hillary Stewart-Ponvert, Renny Ponvert, Ilze Melngailis & kids, Dave Crowley
5. Reports
 - a. Road
 - Perennial discussion on quantity of salt and plowing (too much! Too little!)
 - Old Bennington has gotten a lot of money in state grants for class II roads, not likely to be recipient in the near future
 - Fairview has taken priority. Testing & bidding this year, fix next year
 - b. Police
 - Building and growing relationship with Town of Bennington
 - Speeding main concern of residents this year
 - Police equipment- body & dash camera
 - Replacement for cruiser in the works
 - Commissioner happy to hear from residents
 - c. Tree
 - Safety is the main concern of the Commissioner.
 - Questions about anything within 25 feet of the center of the road should go through the Tree Commissioner. Beyond 25 feet goes to zoning.
 - d. Parks
 - Marble in front of Old First Church cracking because of mechanized snow removal. Plowing contractor has moved to hand shoveling that area.
 - Email Commissioner about any out street lights if you notice them
 - Park flood taken care of
 - e. Auditor
 - Not present
 - f. Treasurer
 - See annual report
6. Budget
 - a. Discuss and approve.
 - Motion to approve the budget. Motion passes unanimously.
 - b. Motion to see how much tax shall be appropriated by the village to pay the expenses of the ensuing year, and to determine when and in what manner the village collects taxes. .0442 rate - The villagers unanimously approve the motion.
 - c. Motion to see if taxpayers will authorize the trustees to borrow monies in anticipation of taxes. The villagers unanimously approve the motion.

7. Deaths

- a. Donna Barry died July 27, 2021

8. Election of officers

- a. Moderator Pat Winburn
 - Motion to approve passes unanimously
- b. Clerk Janet buonanno
 - Motion to approve passes unanimously
- c. Treasurer & Tax Collector Kathy Wagenknecht
 - Motion to approve passes unanimously
- d. Auditor Dale Cobb
 - Motion to approve passes unanimously
- e. Three trustees Steven Anisman (2 years)
Ann Slattery (1 year -balance of Trustee Gallen)
Jim Warren (2 years)
 - Motion to approve slate of candidates passes unanimously

9. Is there any new business to come before the group

- Main Street- extreme utility tree trimming by school
- Too much salt being used?
- State is doing study on structure of monument
- Possible walking trail rail is being studied by Town of Bennington on old right of way

10. Motion to adjourn meeting adjourned at 8:06