

Village of Old Bennington
Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2019

Officials present: Trustees James Warren, Susan Wright, Andy Buchsbaum, Charles Edson and Ron Rabidou as well as Treasurer Kathy Wagenknecht and Clerk James Gallen.

Officials absent: None

Residents present: Jill Jones, Maryanne Peters, Steven Shea, Richard Poeton

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1. Opening.

Ron Rabidou, the presiding officer, called the meeting to order at 7:05.

2. Approval of Minutes.

James moved to approve minutes of the March minutes as amended Charlie seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Citizens Comments.

a. Richard wanted to know if 5k was going to be budgeted for next year for the road survey

4. Reports of commissioners and officers.

a. Road Commissioner.

i. Sign at the corner of Main and Monument was knocked down by a tractor trailer.

ii. Potholes on Fairview and several other points in the village were filled.

iii. Municipal Road Survey needs to be conducted, along with an erosion study.

iv. Andy consulted with Jerome Construction about Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the sidewalk renovation. Jerome Construction suggested building a crosswalk across the northern island. Jerome is developing a cost estimate.

b. Tree Commissioner

i. Owner of 97 Monument voluntarily took down a dead tree.

ii. No word from Bennington Museum about their trees

c. Sidewalk and Park Commissioner

i. Received estimate from Pembroke Landscaping for expected costs for the coming year. They are in line with previous years.

ii. The Master Gardeners are taking care of the greenery and display in the flower garden. Master Gardeners want a sign to acknowledge their work, and they want the village to pay for their meetings at The Old Barn.

d. Police Commissioner

i. 105 hours for Officer Cory this month

ii. 57 property checks

iii. 15 tickets for projected fines of \$2403 dollars

iv. Officer Cory should always be listed as Officer Cory in the minutes

e. Treasurer

i. Report- Sidewalks were not completed this year. The allocated funds will roll into the next year.

5. Warrants

James motions to approve the warrants.. Andy seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

6. Fiscal Year 2020 Planning.

a. Annual Meeting.

i. Trustees discussed conducting a run-through of the annual meeting presentations at the May 7th meeting.

b. Annual Report.

i. Last year the projected income matched what was projected. The unexpected \$7500 from the state helped fill in the shortfall from the state highway fines.

c. Budget.

i. Jim moves to present the budget as amended. Andy seconds. Unanimously approved.

d. Officer Openings and Nominations

i. Ron, Kathy, and Charles are running again. James Gallen is not.

7. Old Business.

a. None.

8. New Business.

a. Andy makes a motion to approve the warning as written. Charles seconds. The motion is unanimously approved.

9. Adjourn.

a. Andy motions to adjourn. Jim seconds. The meeting is adjourned at 9:39.