

Village of Old Bennington
Trustees Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2022

Meeting was held at The Barn & Zoom

Officials Present: Trustees Jim Warren, Steven Anisman, Susan Wright, Anne Slattery, Ed Woods, Clerk Jan Buonanno, Treasurer Kathy Wagenknecht

Citizens present: Thomas Scheetz, Ron Rabidou, Jill Jones

1. **Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

2. **Minutes:** There was no change to the November minutes. SA moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting. AS seconded. The Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

3. **Introduction of Zoom Administrator**

- Thomas Scheetz, local highschooler, will volunteer through the National Honor Society to run the Zoom for Trustees meeting.

4. **Citizen Comments**

- none

5. **Reports of Commissioners and Officers**

a. Road Commissioner:

- Complaint about Bank St from non-resident.
- Water standing on Fairview- mystery
- Loose cobbles on Monunet
- MSK will come to January meeting to talk about Fairview & Bank
- Salt: 250 tons @ \$86/ton ordered for the year

b. Tree Commissioner

- none

c. Parks and Sidewalks Commissioner:

- Ann Jensen Bench organized for the spring
- Corresponding re: marble sidewalks damage

d. Police Commissioner:

- 0 hours, 0 property watches, 0 traffic tickets, \$0 in potential fines. (no officer)
- After many meetings/negotiations, agreement between BPD and commissioner on \$52/hour for police coverage 10-15 hrs/week (traffic, parking, patrol, property checks) through Bennington police department officers on 'special assignment' rather than a dedicated Old Bennington officer.
- EW moves to authorize the Police Commissioner to execute an agreement with the Town of Bennington for up to 20 hours a week of coverage at \$52/hour. SA seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- RR: How does this fit with the voted-on budget?

e. Treasurer

- Highlights: Salt expense, Pembroke fall clean-up
- Most taxes are in.
- Need to decide what to do with ARPA money (~\$20,000 so far)

f. Planning Commission

- 4 Chimneys Inn preliminary thoughts captured in planning minutes. Owners will need to submit an official application.
- Demo permitted at Walloomsac Inn- 10 days to complete. JS: Has building history been documented?
- Interim Bylaw to allow temporary fencing- no comments received on proposal from planning board.. SA moves to approve the verbiage regarding temporary fencing. AS seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

7. **Warrants:** JW moved to approve the warrant list. SA seconded. The trustees unanimously approved the motion.

8. **Old Business:** none

9. **New Business:**

- Purchase of zoom equipment: AS: table speaker thing & laptop. Using JW's personal zoom acct- AS looking into better options.

10. **Adjournment:** SA makes a motion to adjourn, SW seconds. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.