

Village of Old Bennington
Trustees Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2021

Meetinging was held via telepresence using Zoom.com

Officials present: Jim Warren, Ed Woods, James Gallen as well as Treasurer Kathy Wagenknecht

Officials absent: Steven Anisman, Susan Wright, Jennifer Buonanno

Citizens present: Andy Corey, Susan Borden

1. Opening.

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by acclamation. Ed Woods seconded. James Warren nominated James Gallen to be chair. Ed Woods seconded the motion. The nomination was approved unanimously.

2. Minutes.

- a. There were no changes to the posted minutes.
- b. Jim Warren moved to approve the posted minutes for the May 4th Trustees meeting. Ed Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Jim Warren moved to approve the posted minutes for the Special Meeting held in May. Ed Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Citizens Comment

- a. An update was provided by Officer Corey on the status of Charles Edson, who is currently in the ICU.

4. Nominations of Officers and Officials

- a. Jim Warren nominated James Gallen for Presiding Officer. Ed Woods seconded this nomination. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.
- b. James Gallen nominated Jim Warren for Road Commissioner. Ed Woods seconded this nomination. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.
- c. James Gallen nominated Steven Anisman for Tree Commissioner. Jim Warren seconded this nomination. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.
- d. James Gallen nominated Ed Woods for Police Commissioner. Jim Warren seconded this nomination. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.
- e. James Gallen nominated Susan Wright for Parks/Sidewalks Commissioner. Jim Warren seconded this nomination. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.
- f. James Gallen welcomed Kathy Wagenknecht back as the treasurer and welcomed Jennifer Buonanno as the clerk. Dale Cobb was also welcomed back as the auditor. Pat Winburn was welcomed back as moderator.
- g. James Gallen nominated Nancy Coseo for reappointment to the planning commission. Ed Woods seconded the motion. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.

- h. James Gallen nominated Anthony Mazzola for reappointment to the zoning board. Ed Woods seconded the motion. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.
- i. James Gallen nominated Erica Gallen for reappointment to the zoning board. Ed Woods seconded the motion. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.
- j. James Gallen nominated Ed Woods for appointment to the regional planning commission. Jim Warren seconded the motion. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.

5. Reports of Commissioners

- a. Road Commissioner.
 - i. Fairview is breaking up again. A quote was requested for pothole filling.
 - ii. 32 Bank Street has a runoff issue. We are likely responsible. A quote is also being requested.
 - iii. It looks like grants may be getting put off for another year. James Warren has inquired about a definitive answer on the matter, but he hasn't been able to get a definitive answer.
- b. Tree Commissioner.
 - i. The tree of concern on Fairview was removed.
- c. Parks and Sidewalks Commissioner.
 - i. No report was given, but the bench has been placed on the center island. James Warren suggested July 4th or Donna's birthday for the date of the ceremony.
- d. Police Commissioner.
 - i. There were 95 hours logged by Officer Corey. 10 tickets were administered. \$1800 in fines. 46 house checks.
 - ii. Across from Susan Borden's access on Bank Street, there was some gravel brought in from the town to help facilitate a spot for Officer Corey's vehicle.
 - iii. An estimate for removing rust from the fender of the police vehicle was given. The estimate was for \$500.
- e. Treasurer.
 - i. We need a new set of signatures for the passalong of warrants. James Gallen will be inquiring about a signature card for the Bank of Bennington. Kathy will be looking into changing the signatures at Heritage.
 - ii. The house at 11 West road has had their property taxes paid three times. The second two payments have been returned.
 - iii. The Banner ads have been paid for.
 - iv. The bill for the cleanup by Pembroke has increased by almost 50%. We will be paying it but we will have to look at getting additional bids.
 - v. We received \$680 in highway fines.

6. Warrants

Ed Woods moved to approve the warrant list. James Warren seconded. The Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

7. Old Business

- a. There was no old business discussed.

8. New business

a. There was no new business discussed.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59.