

Village of Old Bennington  
Trustees Meetings Minutes  
September 1, 2020

Meeting held via telepresence using Zoom.com

Officials present: Trustees Charles Edson, Ron Rabidou, Jim Warren, Steven Anisman, and Susan Wright, as well as Clerk James Gallen and Treasurer Kathy Wagenknecht

Officials absent: None

Residents Present: None

1. Opening. Ron Rabidou called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. Minutes.

a. There were no changes to the posted minutes.

b. Ron Rabidou moved to approve the posted minutes for the August 4th Trustees meeting. Steven Anisman seconded the motion, and the Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

3. Citizens Comment- None

4. Nominations of Officers-

- a. Jim Warren nominated Ron Rabidou for Presiding Officer. Steven Anisman seconded this nomination. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.
- b. Ron Rabidou nominated Jim Warren for Road Commissioner. Susan Wright seconded this nomination. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.
- c. Ron Rabidou nominated Steven Anisman for Tree Commissioner. Jim Warren seconded this nomination. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.
- d. Ron Rabidou nominated Charles Edson for Police Commissioner. Jim Warren seconded this nomination. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.
- e. Ron Rabidou nominated Susan Wright for Parks/Sidewalks Commissioner. Jim Warren seconded this nomination. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.
- f. Ron Rabidou welcomed James Gallen back as the clerk and Kathy Wagenknecht back as the treasurer. Dale Cobb was also welcomed back as the auditor. Pat Winburn was welcomed back as moderator.
- g. Ron Rabidou nominated Galen Jones for reappointment to the planning commission.
- h. Ron Rabidou nominated David Silver and Priscilla Bradshaw for reappointment to the zoning board for a term lasting from 2020-2023. Jim Warren seconded this nomination. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.
- i. Ron Rabidou nominated Bob Bullington to serve as acting Town Administrator. Jim Warren seconded this nomination. The Trustees unanimously approved the nomination.

## 5. Reports of Commissioners

### a. Road Commissioner.

- i. Last year's rates from Jerome remain static from last year.
- ii. Jerome Construction will be asked to limit the amount of plowing and salting.
- iii. One of the invoices from the salt distributors did not arrive, and it resulted in an additional cost of \$2000 for salt.
- iv. The Trustees all expressed an interest in limiting the costs of salting and plowing as much as possible.
- v. Ron Rabidou moved to authorize Jim Warren to contract with Jerome Construction for plowing and salting over the winter. Steven Anisman seconded the motion. The Trustees unanimously approved the motion.
- vi. A discussion about installing a crosswalk at the top of Bank and Monument was discussed. Charlie expressed support for a crosswalk at that intersection. Ron Rabidou moved to authorize Jim Warren to contract for a crosswalk to be installed at the intersection. Jim Warren seconded. The Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

### b. Tree Commissioner.

- i. Steve's Supreme gave a quote for the removal of a dead tree from the center island. The quote was for \$800.
- ii. Ron Rabidou moved to authorize Steven Anisman to contract with Steve's Supreme to remove the dead tree from the center island. Steven Anisman seconded the motion. The Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

### c. Parks and Sidewalks Commissioner.

- i. Marble is still anticipated for the foot of Donna's bench. The bench will be installed when the marble arrives.
- ii. A small ceremony was discussed to dedicate the installation of the bench.
- iii. The Trustees expressed their faith in Jerome's ability to put the new sidewalk through the driveways it runs across.
- iv. A street light was reported out near the Warren residence. 6 street lights were reported on during the daytime.

### d. Police Commissioner.

- i. Officer Andy Corey worked 96 hours. He conducted 58 property checks. He issued 3 tickets for \$495.
- ii. Officer Corey might be retiring by the end of September.

### e. Treasurer.

- i. Two issues arose. The first issue was the bill from the salt provider. The second issue was an accounting error regarding a double payment to Woomington, for a total of \$42 was resolved.

ii. No tax payments have come in as of yet.

#### 6. Warrants

Ron Rabidou moved to approve the warrants. Steven Anisman seconded the motion and the Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

#### 7. Old Business

a. Election sign policy was discussed.

i. The provision of no sign posting on the village greens will be enforced by Officer Corey.

ii. Steven Anisman made a motion to authorize Charles Edson to instruct Officer Andy Corey to enforce no sign posting on village greens. Susan seconded the motion and the Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

#### 8. New business

a. SVC occupancy was discussed.

b. Charlie requested an updated contact list.

#### 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.