

**Village of Old Bennington**  
**Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**February 7, 2023**

Meeting was held at The Barn & Zoom

Officials Present: Trustees Jim Warren, Steven Anisman, Anne Slattery, Ed Woods, Susan Wright, Clerk Jan Buonanno, Treasurer Kathy Wagenknecht, Planning Board Chair Nancy Coseo  
Citizens present: Thomas Scheetz, Nicholas Ratzer (MSK), Bridget Gallant (AO), Jill Jones, Lucy Baldwin

1. **Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

2. **Guest Speaker MSK:** Nicholas Ratzer, project engineer from MSK

- Geotechnical investigation of Fairview and Bank Street in summer 2022
- Fairview findings: 7 inches of asphalt (many asphalt overlays but no adjustment to under the pavement). Loose soil underneath (would expect dense). Composition considered frost susceptible - clay and silt make heaves
- Bank findings: 4 inches of asphalt, similar to Fairview underneath.
- Full depth replacement for a 20 year road recommended for both.
- Fairview: 26 inches dig and replace (complete) \$270,000, mill and overlay (temporary fix) \$165,000
- Bank: dig and replace \$500,000 (longer road, more drainage work, steeper than Fairview), mill and overlay \$330,000
- Yearly crack sealing still required on full replacement
- SA moves to authorize MSK to engineer Fairview Street design , costing approximately \$23,220 and authorizing JW to execute the contract. EW seconds. The Trustees unanimously approved the motion.
- Funding the road construction requires a public vote because it wasn't in the budget for 2022. SA moves to hold a special meeting Monday March 6th 7:00 seconded by AS pending availability of building. The Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

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

3. **Citizen Comments**

- none

4. **Reports of Commissioners and Officers**

- a. Road Commissioner:
  - (see MSK above)
- b. Tree Commissioner
  - No activity

c. Parks and Sidewalks Commissioner:

- Commissioner talked to Pembroke about South Island mowing (resident complaint)-agreed to address the issue with workers
- Mr. Charles Dewey agrees stones have been damaged, could be from machinery or plowing but can't point fingers- hard to make an insurance claim.
- 250th anniversary update: idea to have reenactments in front of historic homes.

d. Police Commissioner:

- Cruiser has been sold to the Sheriff.

e. Treasurer

- PILOT money from state owned properties (\$15,000)
- A few outstanding property taxes

f. Planning Commission

- Follow up on 57 Monument: No bylaws violation occurred re: lighting. Could be a general nuisance ordinance violation (goes to trustees for decision). Neighborly discussion preferred.

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

8. **Old Business:** none

9. **New Business:** Annual meeting: Second Tuesday in May (in the bylaws).

10. **Adjournment:** AS makes a motion to adjourn, SA seconds. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.