

Village of Old Bennington  
Special Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2021

Meeting held via telepresence using Zoom.com

Officials present: Trustees Susan Wright, Jim Warren, Ron Rabidou, and Steven Anisman, as well as Clerk James Galle, Treasurer Kathy Wagenknecht, and Moderator Pat Winburn

Officials absent: Charles Edson

Residents Present: Ann Kremers, Ed Woods, Jill Jones, Margaret Schwarzkopf, Jennifer Buonanno

1. Open. The meeting began at 7:04. Pat Winburn reviewed

2. Reports of officers.

a. Parks and Sidewalks Commissioner.

i. The new sidewalk was installed earlier this year. Donna's bench will be installed tomorrow 5/5/21. The standards for winter sidewalk maintenance is being discussed. We will be working with VTRANS this year in order to develop standards for plowing and salting. Several residents expressed concern about the winter maintenance of the sidewalks.

b. Police Commissioner.

i. Ron thanked Officer Corey for his diligent work this week. At the start of the year, Officer Corey did not issue tickets due to Covid 19. Thus, ticket revenue was down.

c. Road Commissioner.

i. We will hear back about the Bank Street grant in a week or so.

ii. Jim updated the attendees of the meeting about the repairs necessary to Bank Street.

d. Tree Commissioner.

i. We deforested part of the center island. It's been a quiet year.

3. Fiscal Year 2021 Results.

a. Taxes.

i. Kathy presented the treasurer's report via a Powerpoint presentation. The main proposal changes the tax rate to be equal to Bennington's rate.

b. Financial Report.

i. The goal of the tax rate adjustments is to raise funds for road repairs and to bring us in line with our peers in the town of Bennington.

4. Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

a. Proposed Tax Rate.

b. Proposed Budget.

5. Other. Steven Anisman motioned to adjourn the special meeting. Susan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The special meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

6. Adjourn.