

Village of Old Bennington  
Trustees Meeting Minutes  
May 3, 2022

Meeting was held on Zoom and at The Barn

Officials Present: Jim Warren, Steven Anisman, Ed Woods, Susan Wright

Clerk Jan Buonanno, Treasurer Kathy Wagenknecht

Citizens Present: Anne Slattery, Nicholas Ratzler (MSK)

1. Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:16
2. Minutes: There were no changes to the posted minutes. SA moved to approve the minutes from the April meeting. EW seconded. The Trustees unanimously approved the motion.
3. Presentation and Discussion with Nicholas Ratzler of MSK
  - 2019 Report- needs pricing updating
  - Bank and Fairview need coring for geotechnical investigation to know how much road needs to be excavated- ballpark \$7,000 for coring work.
  - Stormwater evaluation would also be beneficial.
  - EW makes a motion to authorize JW to approve up to \$10,000 for work. SA seconds. The trustees unanimously approve the motion.
  - Timeline- out to bid this fall- work next spring.
  - Fairview patching is already failing- needs to be patched with hot mix.
4. Zoom Account for the Village of Old Bennington update
  - Purchased one- still working out the recording part (where to store/make available)
5. Citizen Comments Anne Slattery- Storm grate at end of driveway needs attention.
6. Reports of Commissioners
  - a. Road commissioner
    - Fairview fell apart- was cold patched.
    - Do Not Enter sign replaced and straightened by Matt Hathaway
    - Crosswalks repainted
    - New No Outlet sign on Church Lane.
    - Buying a new tire for a car that fell in a pothole (\$364)
  - b. Tree commissioner
    - #9 Monument Ave trees- no response from caretaker to letter requesting tree work. Next step: certified letter
  - c. Parks and sidewalks
    - Mysterious curb feed was the source of the leak in the park- now turned off.
    - Mahar monuments contacted for resetting bench
    - Citizen issue with bright house lights at night
    - SA moves to invite Bob Bullington to a monthly meeting to discuss a monthly Highlights of Zoning report. EW seconds. The trustees unanimously approve the motion.
  - d. Police
    - Officer Corey: 68 hours, 7 tickets, 39property watches, \$1216 potential fines

e. Treasurer

- Nothing unusual
- SA moves to approve proposed 2022 annual budget. EW seconds. The trustees unanimously approve the motion.

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

9. Annual Meeting/ Election Planning /Nominations and vacancies

- Setup tables, screen volunteers
- Anne Slattery is a new trustee candidate
- Kathy will stay on as treasurer for ONE more year. Board needs to be working toward a new treasurer plan.
- Need a handout for meeting- officers running, treasurer graphics

10. Old Business:

- Stopping Stones monument will be on the June meeting agenda- paused until then.

11. New Business:

- none

12. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47.