

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 / Special Meeting

Village Depot Offices/ 7:00 PM - Virtual Meeting/Open Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Village of North Bennington Trustees held a special meeting for business on December 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm. This meeting was held by video and telephone conference only via Zoom. This is in accordance with H.681 (section 6.); addendum 01-20/Act 92

The Village Depot was open for in person meeting as well. Trustees, Rogers, Mullineaux, Creedy and Lowary were present in that space. Treasurer Buggee was also present. All others attended the meeting via Zoom.

Also in attendance were Vermont Arts Exchange President Matthew Perry, Mark Boudreau, Susan Lambert, Chief Ed Harrington, Past Chief Ed Myers

Chairman Mary Rogers opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Trustees Present: Scott Creedy, Tara Lowary, Mary Rogers, Ray Mullineaux, Matthew Patterson, Treasurer Doug Buggee

Trustee Matthew Patterson, VAE President Matthew Perry and Tree Committee Representative Susan Lambert attended the meeting via Zoom.

- Vermont Arts Exchange Budget Discussion – Matthew Perry discussed the history of VAE and presented a slide show, showing events of the past year and of previous year's events. He thanked the Village of North Bennington for their continued support and yearly allocation of \$5,000.
- Tree Committee member Susan Lambert was present to discuss the happenings of the Tree Committee throughout the last year. Pruning, maintenance and new trees planted were discussed. Ms. Lambert is requesting an increase in the allocation this year to \$2,000.00 from the previous amount of \$1,500.00.
- Mark Boudreau was present to discuss parks and recreation. He discussed the conditions of the fields, fencing, dugouts etc. Repairs are needed in many of these areas. He will present the Trustees with work estimates as soon as he receives the information.
- North Bennington Fire Department Budget Discussion – Treasurer Buggee had previously met with the fire department and reviewed their proposed budget line by line. Specific items were explained.

A time line of equipment that needs or will need replacing was discussed.

A new line item for the purpose of the truck payment was discussed and explained.

The fire department heating system was discussed. Current repairs and renovations were presented.

Communications were discussed. Ed Myers will get Treasurer Buggee the necessary paperwork regarding communications.

- Scott Creedy asked several questions regarding culverts and firetrucks and the allocation of money. Clarification was given.

Matthew Patterson made a motion at 8:33 PM to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Ray Mullineaux and so voted by all trustees present.

Lorine Elwell
Village Clerk
Village of North Bennington