

Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, December 13, 2022  
Village Depot Offices/ 6:30 PM - Virtual Meeting/Open Meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Village of North Bennington Trustees held its regular meeting for business on December 13, 2022 at 6:30 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, Creedy, Mullineaux, and Lowary were present in that space as well. All others attended the meeting via Zoom.

Also in attendance were Joe Chirchirillo, Dana Rozycki, Jennie Rozycki, Jennifer Fels, Alisa Deltufo, Robert Nowak, Chris Damon, Timmy Bullock

Chairman Mary Rogers opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

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

Trustee Matthew Patterson attended the meeting via Zoom.

Absent - Highway Superintendent Norm Leblanc

A motion was made by Tara Lowary and seconded by Mary Rogers to approve the November 8, 2022, November 29, 2022, and December 6, 2022 minutes. This was so voted by all Trustees present, Rogers, Creedy, Lowary, Patterson and Mullineaux. Scott Creedy abstained from voting on the 11/29/22 minutes.

A motion was made by Tara Lowary and seconded by Ray Mullineaux, to approve the late November warrant and to pay the bills. This was so voted by all trustees.

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A motion was made by Ray Mullineaux and seconded by Tara Lowary to accept the November 2022 Payroll warrants. This was so voted.

**Citizen Comments:** Citizen comments are noted under several other department reports, as appropriate.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Doug Buggee reported the following;

- The following reports were presented to the Trustees prior to the meeting. They are as follows.
- Payroll Warrant - pdf
- Village Warrant - excel - with tab for expense details
- Cash Balances
- The Budget vs Actual Report – will be updated once again and distributed

**Highway Department** – No report

**DRB News** –

- Tara Lowary made a motion seconded by Mary Rogers to appoint James Williams to the Development Review Board. This was so voted

**Planning Commission-** Next meeting is next Wednesday, 1/18/23.

Newly appointed Zoning Administrator Ron Hatchey has informally begun his new position. He is transitioning easily and looks forward to working in the Village of North Bennington.

**Budget Discussions** –

- Joe Chirchirillo, President of the NBOSS discussed what the NBOSS does and is requesting additional financing for this show/event.
- McCullough Library Director Jennie Rozycki was present to discuss the renovations process at the library. She presented her annual report for the year and would like the allocation from the village to the library be maintained.
- Lake Paran Director Alisa DelTufo was present to discuss the status of Lake Paran and to request level funding for the next fiscal year.
- She further discussed the Save Lake Paran initiative. – Alisa Deltufo discussed the work that Conservation District Representative Michael Fernandez has done to help promote this idea with possible funding information and steps in the process. She revisited a presentation regarding the issues and concerns at the lake. Detailed maps and photos were distributed prior to the previous presentation and were available again. Weeds, specifically milfoil, has been increasingly more prevalent and causing a great deal of harm to the lake. A description of other invasive species was discussed. A thorough description of possible solutions to help save the lake were again presented. A helpful history of the area was included to give the presentation to others, a better understanding of the urgency to this matter. A detailed PowerPoint has been posted on the North Bennington Website. This group will present a request to be included on the WARNING for voter approval with the understanding that the Village Trustees will review this and approve such placement.

**Water Board** – A motion was made by Tara Lowary to authorize the Water Board of Commissioners to apply for a loan for the purpose of planning for water line work to service areas with PFOA - on Overlea Road in Bennington. This was seconded by Ray Mullineaux and so voted. A motion was made by Tara Lowary to authorize the Water Board of Commissioners to apply for a loan for the purpose of planning for an Asset Management survey. This was seconded by Ray Mullineaux and so voted. These

motions were made at an earlier meeting but some questions arose. The questions have been answered and the motions stand. No commitment to a project is made until these applications are accepted. Then the engineering planning phase is done. The Water Dept or Village can withdraw at no cost or penalty up through the planning phase. The paperwork related to these applications have been signed.

**Fire Department News** – None

**New Business** – Trustee Rogers reviewed grant searches and applications that she has been working on.

There will be a budget meeting on 1/3/23 at 6:30 PM.

**Old Business** – None

Tara Lowary made a motion at 8:06 PM to enter into an executive session for personnel. This was seconded by Ray Mullineaux and so voted by all trustees present.

At 8:15 PM, open session resumed and executive session ended.

Matthew Patterson made a motion at 8:23 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