

Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, May 10, 2022  
Village Depot Offices/ 7:00 PM - Virtual Meeting/Open Meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Village of North Bennington Trustees held its regular meeting for business on May 10, 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. Treasurer Buggee and Trustees Rogers, Mullineaux, and Lowary were present in that space as well. Residents Mark Boudreau, and Lake Paran Representative Alisa Del Tufo were present in the Depot space. All others attended the meeting via Zoom.

Absent – Scott Creedy

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

Trustees Present: Matthew Patterson, Tara Lowary, Mary Rogers, Ray Mullineaux, Highway Superintendent Norm Leblanc, Treasurer Doug Buggee

A motion was made by Tara Lowary and seconded by Matthew Patterson to approve the April 12, 2022 minutes. This was so voted by all Trustees present, Patterson, Rogers, Lowary and Mullineaux.

A motion was made by Matthew Patterson and seconded by Ray Mullineaux, to approve the May warrant and to pay the bills. This was so voted by all trustees.

A motion was made by Matthew Patterson and seconded by Tara Lowary, to approve the extended April warrant and to pay the bills. This was so voted by all trustees.

A motion was made by Matthew Patterson and seconded by Tara Lowary to accept the April 2022 Payroll warrants. This was so voted.

**Citizen Comments:** Lake Paran Representative Alisa Del Tufo was present to request additional ARPA Funding in the amount of \$15,500 for the purchase of picnic tables for the lake and approximately \$7,000 for signage for the lake. There was much discussion related to this request. More detailed research of options will be done regarding the pricing of these items and the discussion will continue at the June 7, 2022 meeting.

At this time, Ms. DelTufo discussed the history of the pump, its past repairs and the subsequent need to replace it.

**Treasurer's Report** – Former Treasurer Mary Rogers was present at this meeting. Treasurer Doug Buggee was present as well.

- 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 will be available by the end of the week
- The Budget vs Actual Report will be available within the next few days.
- Mary continues to train Treasurer Doug Buggee in the areas related to her former position.
- Trustee Rogers reviewed ARPA Funding and requests that have been received from several local entities. She also discussed the approved funding requests.
- The new Paydata system was discussed.

### **Highway Department** –

- A new fence needs to be installed at the Nor-Shaft Lion's Park. Tara Lowary made a motion to approve \$4,294.65 for the purchase and installation of a new chain link fence at said site. This was seconded by Matthew Patterson and so voted by all trustees present.
- A guardrail needs to be installed at the Nor-Shaft Lion's Park. Tara Lowary made a motion to approve \$3,577.60 for the purchase and installation of a 208' used steel beam guardrail. This was seconded by Matthew Patterson and so voted by all trustees present.
- Resident Mark Boudreau will review the lighting situation.
- ARPA Funding for Welling Field was again discussed. Resident Mark Boudreau will gather more information.
- Areas in the back of the firehouse need attention. There are several safety issues that will be looked at.
- Superintendent Leblanc reviewed the status of the Nor-Shaft Lion's Park noting that attention needs to be paid to the swing and basketball areas. Repairs are needed. Mulch is also needed in several areas at this park.
- Norm reviewed the necessary work and repairs needed on the Bank Street sidewalk. Prep work will be done by Superintendent Leblanc and his staff. Tara Lowary made a motion to allocate \$21,562.50 for concrete impressions on the Bank Street sidewalk. This was seconded by Matthew Patterson and so voted.
- The mobile speed detector is scheduled to be delivered on 5/12. Location, placement and length at each site were discussed. A schedule will be made for approval by Superintendent Leblanc.
- A Trustee training with Norm for instruction on road condition assessment, will be scheduled
- Potential Summer mowing protocols were discussed regarding bee populations. Conservation purposes of bees will be further discussed.
- The North Bennington Tree Committee will meet with Mr. Leblanc to discuss several trees on Mechanic Street/ Overlea Road.

**DRB News** — There will be a meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> to hear an appeal. Notices have been distributed to adjacent landowners and interested parties. For more information, please contact Zoning Administrator Billy Rogers.

**Planning Commission-** Possible revisions to the North Bennington Village Zoning Bylaws were presented in DRAFT form by Jim Sullivan and Matthew Patterson. The Trustees will review this DRAFT and respond with questions and/or concerns at the June meeting.

**Water Board** - NONE

### **Fire Department News –**

Treasurer Doug Buggee, Trustee Tara Lowary and Chief Ed Harrington met to discuss the budget/planning process for the fire department and to begin putting together an equipment schedule.

Treasurer Doug Buggee and Trustee Tara Lowary looked at all of the firetrucks and equipment and had a nice tour of the firehouse.

### **New Business –**

- The current EMP Plan was looked at briefly. Trustee Rogers and Clerk Elwell will update the document plan as needed.

### **Old Business –**

- An update from Lucy Royte, website designer, was reviewed and discussed. The launch date for the Village of North Bennington's new site will be 7/1/22.

Matthew Patterson made a motion at 8:30 PM to enter into an executive session for the purpose of a legal matter. This was seconded by Tara Lowary and so voted by all trustees.

Matthew Patterson made a motion at 9:00 PM to enter into open session with no action to be taken. This was seconded by Tara Lowary and so voted by all trustees.

Matthew Patterson made a motion at 9:15 PM to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Tara Lowary and so voted by all trustees.

Lorine Elwell  
Village Clerk  
Village of North Bennington