

Board of Trustees Meeting - SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, June 8, 2023

7:00PM – Village Depot Offices

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Village of North Bennington Trustees held a SPECIAL meeting for business on June 8, 2023, 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. Trustees Rogers, Creedy, Mullineaux and Lowary and Treasurer Buggee, attended the meeting in person.

Also, in attendance – Ed Harrington, Nick Hollis, Dennis Sauer, Mary Hulrey, Wesley Hurley, Xavier Davis, Bob Nolan, Stephen Gorman, Jr., Stephen Gorman Sr., Nathan, Berres, Keith Cross, Mike Pierce, Jeanna Brown, Joseph Smith, Joseph Brown, Louis Brown

Also in attendance via Zoom was Trustee Patterson, resident Emily Hunter.

Trustee Rogers opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

There being no public comments, a motion was made at 7:05 by Tara Lowary and seconded by Ray Mullineaux to move into an executive session for the purpose of personnel. This was so voted.

Regular session resumed at 7:12 PM.

Ray Mullineaux made a motion, seconded by Matthew Patterson, to rescind the appointment of the current North Bennington Fire Department Chief. This was so voted by all Trustees in attendance.

Firefighter Joe Brown asked how the Trustees have the power to do that. Firefighter Keith Cross explained the Trustees power and authority. Trustee Mullineaux then read Subchapter 4, Subsection 251-401, from the Charter, to clarify the authority by law, that the Trustees hold.

Several firefighters, including Mary Hurley, asked why the Trustees are removing Chief Harrington. Trustees Rogers stated that Ed Harrington will be given a letter by the Board of Trustees and if he wishes to share that, that is his decision. The Trustees will not publicly discuss personnel.

Trustee Creedy, made a motion to appoint First Assistant Keith Cross, Jr., as interim Fire Chief for a period of sixty days. This was seconded by Ray Mullineaux and so voted by all Trustees present.

A motion was made at 7:27 PM by Scott Creedy and seconded by Ray Mullineaux to adjourn the meeting. This was so voted.

Lorine Elwell

Village Clerk

North Bennington