

Derby Line, Vermont
Trustees Meeting
February 4, 2020
Derby Line Village Hall

Call to Order:

Present were Trustees Richard Creaser, Lindsay Brainard and Keith Beadle.

Also, present were David Przech, Jaret Judd, Brian Fletcher, Road Foreman, Laurie Moss, Clerk & Treasurer, and Madeleine Roy, Assistant Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Richard Creaser at 6:30 pm.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Lindsay moved that the reading of Rules of Procedure be waived. Keith seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2020 Regular Trustees Meeting:

Keith made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular Trustees meeting of Jan. 21, 2020 as written. Lindsay seconded. Motion carried.

Tabled Items:

- 1) Stanstead Sewer Treatment Plant Reconstruction – MOU to be discussed at this meeting
- 2) Denis Ducharme Wastewater – tabled until spring
- 3) Main St. Cones – tabled until spring
- 4) Bond Vote, VT Superior Court Status Conference – tabled

Richard briefly went over the above Tabled Items and stated that, regarding the Stanstead Sewer Treatment Plant Reconstruction, the pending revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Derby Line and Stanstead will be discussed this evening. Items 2 and 3 are tabled until spring and Laurie confirmed that she has heard nothing from the VT Superior Court regarding the bond vote status.

Stanstead Sewer Treatment Plant MOU:

The revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been received from the village's attorney. Keith stated that he has read it over and finds that it now reflects the Trustees' desired revisions.

Keith made a motion to accept the revised MOU draft between Derby Line and Stanstead as written by the village's attorney. Lindsay seconded. Motion carried.

Laurie agreed to contact Stanstead tomorrow of this MOU's acceptance by the Derby Line Trustees.

Holland Pond Water Line:

Jaret reported that he, Brian and Rob have walked a good share of the line in question to see the progress of tree and brush cutting that is being done to clear the area on either side of the line. David Przech stated that he wants the cutting stopped on his land because he stated they are cutting a path up to 40 feet wide rather than the agreed upon 10 feet on each side. In addition, he feels his property is devaluating because of this extreme cutting and the excavator tracks damaging his land. Keith informed him that he has tried several times to contact the President of the International Water Co. (IWC) Board to voice Przech's concerns, but has not yet been able to reach him. Keith agreed to keep trying. Przech also stated that he has researched his deed, which goes back to the 1950's, and there is no mention of anyone having a right of way on his land, nor does the Town of Holland have such record. Keith read to him Section 7 of the IWC Charter, which indicates, in essence, that IWC can take by purchase or otherwise easements for maintenance of the water system.

The Trustees impressed upon Przech that it is not up to the Derby Line Trustees to make any decision on this matter. Rather, it is up to the IWC Board and his concerns should be presented to them. Richard, however, stated that he is willing to have Keith ask IWC to halt clearing on Przech's land until IWC can inspect and correct any cutting that is wider than necessary.

Paving of Village Streets:

Brian reported that he has met with Norman Patenaude of Pike Industries for his expert opinion on properly paving village streets and the cost for same. Rather than patching and shimming, he recommends completely grinding down the existing pavement and repaving with two inches of new pavement, which will last much longer. His quote for same will run in the area of \$150,000 per mile. Brian stated that there are 3.9 miles of Class 3 and 4 village-owned streets. This \$150,000 times 3.9 would come to a total quote of about \$585,000. In addition, work and cost would be added to upgrade water shutoff valves, manhole covers, etc. Also, \$15,000 would be needed to upgrade Baxter Ave. Patenaude quoted \$74,690 to repave Baxter Ave. for which the village would be responsible for 20%, thus the \$15,000. Using the ground up old pavement could be used on Dashner Circle to hold down the gravel. Norman Patenaude is willing to come to a Trustees meeting to explain his quotes further should they desire.

Keith noted that this paving issue should be placed on the upcoming Annual Meeting Warning, giving the voters a few options, such as \$50,000, \$75,000 or \$100,000, and leave that budget line blank until the voters decide what they want.

Village Budget for 3/1/20 – 2/28/21:

The Trustees continued working on next year's budget.

Business from Trustees, Treasurer and Road Foreman: None

New Business from the Audience: None

Old business from the Audience (5-minute limit unless otherwise directed): None

Executive Session: None

Next Meeting: The next regular Trustees' meeting is scheduled for Feb. 18, 2020.

Review and Sign Bank Statement: Yes

Warrants were Reviewed and Signed: Yes

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeleine C. Roy, Assistant Village Clerk