

Derby Line, Vermont
Trustees Meeting
December 17, 2019
Derby Line Village Hall

Call to Order:

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

Also, present were Brian Dubois of Drift Dusters Snowmobile Club, 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.

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

Approval of Minutes of December 3, 2019 Regular Trustees Meeting:

Keith noted a needed correction in the section entitled Road Erosion Inventory. The next to last sentence is to read, "The grant will be awarded after July 1, 2020 and the work can be started immediately after.

Keith made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular Trustees meeting of Dec. 3, 2019 as amended. Richard seconded. Motion carried.

Tabled Items:

- 1) Stanstead Sewer Treatment Plant Reconstruction – tabled
- 2) Denis Ducharme Wastewater – tabled until spring
- 3) Environmental Conservation Sanitary Survey – to be discussed at this meeting if needed
- 4) Road Erosion Inventory – to be discussed at this meeting
- 5) Main St. Cones – tabled until spring
- 6) Bond Vote, VT Superior Court Status Conference – tabled
- 7) Laura Carpenter Insurance Claim – to be discussed at this meeting

Tabled Items:

Environmental Conservation Sanitary Survey: Laurie reported that all the necessary paperwork has been submitted to the State of Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation. The application for permit from the Canadian government has been completed with updated names and submitted.

Road Erosion Inventory: Laurie reported that the grant application has been submitted.

Laura Carpenter Insurance Claim: Laurie reported that the Carpenter subrogation claim documents from Carpenter's insurance company were submitted to VLCT. VLCT noted that they would research it once again and respond directly to the other insurance company.

New Paving on Pelow St. & Highland Ave:

Village employee Jaret Judd has looked at the new paving and feels the lifting tar is caused by the excessive pitch of the road thus resulting in the plow blade catching and lifting some of the tar. Richard noted that some questions need to be answered, namely, 1) Was the road crowned improperly by the paving company?, 2) Was it a bad batch of tar?, 3) Are other areas paved by the same company also lifting?, 4) Does this company provide a warranty for its work?

Laurie agreed to ask Brian Fletcher about the warranty.

Drift Dusters Snowmobile Club:

Brian Dubois of the snowmobile club attended to ask the village for permission to again allow their club members to travel the trail through Baxter Park, on the sidewalk across the front of the park on Main St, crossing the Elm St. intersection and down the Main St. sidewalk to the Derby Line Village Inn. Last year, only one complaint was received by a village resident. Dubois informed the trustees that the original plan to build a connecting trail to the inn by way of Meadow Lane was not done as the property owners did not allow them to cross their land.

They have looked at other options, but none have proven better than the Main St. route used last year. Dubois was told by the trustees that better signage will have to be put up as last year many of the signs did not go up until sometime after the trail in question was being used. Also, some snowmobilers chose to ride down the Elm St. sidewalk to Main St. rather than going through the proper trail in Baxter Park. This will not be allowed. Dubois agreed to have signage up at the fire dept. directing them to take Baxter Park and that the Elm St. sidewalk is not allowed. Lindsay impressed upon him that they need to create an alternate trail for next year. The trustees agreed that permission is provisional upon all going well as time goes on this winter and that signage is all up before the trail is used. If several complaints are received, permission could be rescinded.

Lindsay made a motion to allow the Drift Dusters Snowmobile Club access to the above-mentioned trail down Main St. for the 2019 – 2020 snowmobile season with the restrictions that it be used only when the Derby Line Village Inn is open from Wednesdays through Sundays, from 7 am to 11 pm, and that the machines not travel any faster than 20 mph. Keith seconded. Motion carried.

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 Jan. 7, 2020.

Review and Sign Bank Statement: No

Warrants were Reviewed and Signed: Yes

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeleine C. Roy, Assistant Village Clerk