

Derby Line, Vermont
Trustees Meeting
March 3, 2020
Derby Line Village Hall

Call to Order:

Present were Trustees Richard Creaser, Lindsay Brainard and Keith Beadle.
Also, present were, 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 February 18, 2020 Regular Trustees Meeting:

Keith made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular Trustees meeting of Feb. 18, 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

Bond Vote – VT Superior Court Decision:

Laurie reported that an email was received on Feb. 20, 2020 from Attorney Paul Guiliani stating that the VT Superior Court has granted the motion to dismiss the suit against the Village of Derby Line. He will send the official order as soon as received.

Stanstead Sewer Treatment Plant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

It was noted that the only thing the village is waiting for on this MOU is the approval of Derby Line's suggestions for revision by the Stanstead Council. They apparently were okay with removal of their 24-month timeline for Derby Line to establish its own sewer treatment plant venue should the relationship between Stanstead and Derby Line be severed.

Richard agreed to contact Jean Charles Bellemare at Stanstead to confirm their Council's approval and then Attorney Paul Guiliani will be notified to revise the MOU with the agreed upon language. **Tabled.**

Village Budget for 3/1/20 – 2/28/21:

Updated budget documents were provided to each trustee as well as Laurie's spreadsheet of potential costs and tax implications for a Road Paving Plan based on \$25,000, \$50,000 or \$75,000 to be spent each year on proper repaving of village streets. Laurie agreed to have this spreadsheet printed in the annual report after the general village budget so that taxpayers can make an informed decision when voting on this article in the warning.

The trustees discussed building a capital fund with this new paving budget should it be voted in. They also suggested that the village road crew divide up the village streets by mileage and paving needs so that the streets with the most paving needs are addressed first and that all those repaving needs be done within a nine- or ten-year cycle.

The updated sewer budget also now includes Stanstead's new \$10,000 Administration Fee that appears to be in addition to the 50% of sewer costs for which each village is responsible. Richard stated we need to find out what exactly this \$10,000 is for and why it is not specifically shown in the Stanstead budget. He agreed to contact Jean Charles Bellemare to get specifics about this \$10,000. **Tabled.**

Business from Trustees, Treasurer and Road Foreman:

Laurie reported that the road crew had to repair a water leak in front of Denis Ducharme's at the gray block and the Haskell Library one day last week causing water shutoff to some properties for part of a day.

Lindsay submitted his official letter of resignation to the Chair effective at the annual meeting on April 7, 2020. This resignation was reluctantly accepted by the Trustees. Laurie will now post the warning for the position of Trustee throughout the village and in the Newport Daily Express.

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 March 17, 2020.

Review and Sign Bank Statement: Yes

Warrants were Reviewed and Signed: Yes

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeleine C. Roy, Assistant Village Clerk