

Derby Line, Vermont
Trustees Meeting
October 19, 2021
Derby Line Village Hall

Call to Order:

Present were Trustees Richard Creaser, Keith Beadle & Sarah Webster.

Also, present were Karen Jenne, Nancy Olney, Jaret Judd, Brian Fletcher, Laurie Sanville, Village Clerk & Treasurer and Madeleine Roy, Assistant Clerk.

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

Additions or Deletions to the agenda:

- Cargill Salt Quote
- Disposition of Village Hall Piano

Keith made a motion to waive the reading of Rules of Procedure. Richard seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the October 5, 2021 Meeting:

Keith made a motion to accept the minutes of the Oct. 5, 2021 meeting with a re-emphasis that that meeting ended at 7:47 pm. Richard seconded. Motion carried.

Tabled Items:

- 1) Stanstead Sewer Treatment Plant Reconstruction – Keith reported that the plant construction is done and they are now just waiting for the testing process. Karen Jenne asked if the project is on budget. Keith stated that it is unknown at this time because the control building had to be demolished and re-built. This may cause an increase in expenditures.
- 2) Local COVID Relief Funds – nothing new on this issue

Water & Sewer Accounts on the Canadian Border:

Laurie reported that she has talked with Jean Charles Bellemare at Stanstead regarding the four (4) accounts discussed at our last meeting. Bellemare advised that Stanstead has been giving Derby Line a discount for these 4 properties on what we pay them annually. If we take them over, Derby Line would lose the discount. We have been unable to find out what that discount is. Keith suggested that we should see what our cost would be with and without the discount. Laurie agreed to ask Bellemare. This apparently was a verbal agreement made years ago with nothing in writing.

Water System Asset Management Plan Review Meeting:

Laurie suggested that this review meeting happen at the next Trustees meeting on Nov. 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm instead of setting up a Zoom meeting. This might make it easier for those wanting to attend. The Trustees agreed to this date and time.

Information for Next Newsletter to Residents:

A copy of the last newsletter was distributed for review. It was agreed to remove the section on Flushing of Hydrants and to add Baling of Leaves until Nov. 11th (with no branches or mulch), that the Winter Parking Ordinance is being reviewed and may be amended, and to ask residents not to leave Garbage Cans on the village sidewalks, especially during snowplow season. This newsletter will go out with the next water and sewer bills during the last week of October.

Cargill Salt Quote:

Cargill's salt quote for this winter has been received showing a price of \$80.75 per ton (compared to last winter's \$77.42 per ton) based on 350 tons of useage.

Sarah moved to accept the quote of \$80.75 per ton. Keith seconded. Motion carried.

Disposition of Village Hall Piano:

Richard indicated that the piano should be disposed of because it has not been used in a long time. Laurie noted that the last time it was used by renters, they had moved it across the hall causing large black skid marks

on the floor that took her a long time to clean, plus the fact that it does not stay in tune. Karen voiced her objection to getting rid of the piano as she thought it was being used occasionally. Richard was aware of some people who might be interested in taking the piano, but Laurie has not heard from them. It was agreed to advertise it on Front Porch Forum and other social media sites.

Business from Trustees, Treasurer and Road Foreman:

Dumping of Debris on Village Property: Keith reported that he has talked with Bob Kelley at the Town of Derby about their possibly amending the town's ordinance to include Derby Line. While there, Bob called the Sheriff's Dept. and was informed that debris dumped on village property is considered littering and the Sheriff's Dept. can be called to investigate. Dumping of debris in a roadway violates State of VT statutes. These two situations, therefore, negate Derby Line having its own ordinance or the town having to amend its ordinance.

Dashner Circle: Brian Fletcher reported that he and Jaret had met with Eric Pope of the VT Dept. of Transportation who had seen Dashner and reviewed their water issues. He stated that these water issues are not a result of the way the road was built. Rather, they are a result of the way the lots were originally developed. Pope also stated that there is no set road width requirement by the State. Brian also reminded all that Norman Patenaude of Pike Industries is still slated to do an assessment of all Derby Line streets in mid or late November. Richard stated that after receiving Patenaude's assessment, the Trustees will be better able to determine a timeline, which streets need repair or repaving, and the extent of that repair.

New Village Truck: Brian stated that the truck is back after repairs to the lights. However, they still have not received the new plow that was purchased along with the truck. The dealer has provided a substitute plow to use until the new one comes in.

Road Between Mike Blake and Former Bouffard Apt House: Laurie stated that she has researched village maps and has found that the entire Ducharme Dr. from Caswell Ave. to Main St. is part of the 3.5 miles that the village maintains. Brian stated that knowing this, they can plow it. However, it will be difficult because of the large holes in the road next to Blake's building and the number of vehicles parked near the apartment houses along this street. Laurie was asked to invite Mike Blake to the next Trustees meeting to continue this discussion.

Sale of Old Village Garage: The Trustees noted that the State of VT still has not sent confirmation that there is no oil contamination at this site. Until that is received, the sale should not occur.

New Business from the Audience: None

Old business from the Audience (5-minute limit unless otherwise directed):

Karen asked if a date has yet been set for the November International Water Co. annual meeting. Keith agreed to contact Jean Charles Bellemare at Stanstead to find out, and to ask to add Brian Champney to their agenda.

Executive Session:

None. Richard noted that no action was taken at the last meeting's Executive Session.

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on November 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Review and Sign Bank Statement: No

Warrants were Reviewed and Signed: Yes

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The meeting was adjourned at 7.35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Madeleine C. Roy, Assistant Village Clerk