

Derby Line, Vermont
Trustees Meeting
April 6, 2021
Derby Line Village Hall

Call to Order:

Present were Trustees Richard Creaser, Sarah Webster and Keith Beadle.
Also present were Shannon O'Rourke, and Laurie Moss, Village Clerk.

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

Additions or Deletions to the agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes of the March 16, 2021 Meeting:

Keith made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting as written. Sarah seconded. Motion carried.

Tabled Items:

- 1) Stanstead Sewer Treatment Plant Reconstruction – nothing new on this issue
- 2) Ditch along Maple St. – to be discussed at this meeting
- 3) Soil Contamination/Drilling Issue at Old Garage – nothing new on this issue

Asset Management Program of Water & Sewer Infrastructure:

A Zoom meeting was held with State of Vermont officials to describe the State's Asset Management Program recommended by Aldrich & Elliott engineers. It is recommended that at least one Derby Line Board member and at least one operator of the village water & sewer system participate in training. This program will benefit Derby Line in knowing the location of all parts of our infrastructure (pipes, shutoffs, etc.).

Wildcat Soccer Club Use of Baxter Park:

No one attended the meeting to voice their request. **Tabled.** However, Sarah agreed to reach out to the different baseball and soccer leagues to acquire their schedules so that we do not double-book the park.

Off-Road Vehicles Ordinance:

Richard requested that the draft of a village ordinance regulating off-road vehicles in the village be sent to VLCT for review. This would just start the process of getting an ordinance passed in the village, although, at the low rate of \$95 per hour by VLCT attorneys, their turnaround could be very slow and we might not be ready to have an actual vote on this ordinance at the annual meeting.

Sarah made a motion to authorize the village to enter into a contract with VLCT to review our draft of the off-road vehicles ordinance at the rate of \$95.00 per hour. Keith seconded. Motion carried.

Ditch Along Maple St:

Nothing new has been heard from the State of Vermont regarding the ditch along Maple St, which is nearly totally filled in and needs to be dug out. However, the problem is that when dug out, water from this ditch discharges directly into the Tomifobia River. It is not really Derby Line's responsibility, but if we want something done, we probably would have to do it. Richard noted that the State of VT has not had any money available for this project for the last year or more and because of this we probably should give them more time to address it. He also suggested that Brian reach out to District 9 to get them to commit to something. If they allow Derby Line to take care of the problem, we will need their help in doing it properly so that discharge into the Tomifobia River is avoided. Laurie agreed to tell Brian.

Business from Trustees, Treasurer and Road Foreman:

Office Printer: Laurie described that the office printer is probably in need of replacement since its repairs will cost \$200 to \$300. Richard brought up that, depending on the present cost of supplies and maintenance, it might be worth leasing rather than buying. He suggested Office Systems of VT out of Barre, VT, which provides supplies, regular maintenance and repairs for one monthly price. Laurie will contact them for a quote.

Surveillance Tower on Border: Keith reported on the 4/5/21 meeting that was held at the village hall with Rep.

Peter Welch, VT Attorney General TJ Donovan, the head of the ACLU and Derby representatives in attendance, as well as Senators Leahy and Sanders remotely, regarding the proposed Customs & Border Protection surveillance tower. It was agreed that probably nothing will come of their complaints of invasion of privacy because CBP will do what they want to do. Keith also attended the Border Patrol briefing afterwards during which they were shown black and white photos that allegedly showed people crossing the border illegally, although to the naked eye this was not easily discernible. They feel that since the new tower would scan over 360 degrees, they could get to the border more quickly to apprehend the border crossers. Complainants agree that there are enough cameras and sensors already in place so they can do their job. Our congressional delegation is looking further into this problem. It was stated that the comment period may be extended for another 60 days.

No Smoking Policy: Sarah asked if the village's Smoking and Tobacco Policy has been signed by the one remaining employee, to which she was informed that he has not. It was agreed that if he does not wish to comply, he will no longer be able to work for the village. This is a state law that he must adhere to. The village should send him a first warning letter explaining the policy with a copy of the actual policy. If he still does not comply, a second reminder warning letter should be sent him. If he still does not comply, then a letter of termination is to be sent him.

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 meeting will be on April 20, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Review and Sign Bank Statement: Yes

Warrants were Reviewed and Signed: Yes

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Madeleine C. Roy, Assistant Village Clerk