

Derby Line, Vermont
Trustees Meeting
August 17, 2021
Derby Line Village Hall

Call to Order:

Present were Trustees Richard Creaser, Keith Beadle.

Also, present were Jaret Judd, Karen Jenne, Shannon O'Rourke 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:

- Anonymous letter received from a concerned citizen

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

Approval of Minutes of the August 3, 2021 Meeting:

Keith made a motion to accept the minutes of the Aug. 3, 2021 meeting as written. Richard seconded. Motion carried.

Tabled Items:

- 1) Stanstead Sewer Treatment Plant Reconstruction

Keith stated that he has heard nothing new on this project.

Discussion on Use of Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds:

Richard went over the five bullet points that describe the types of projects eligible for this money (see attached description). Derby Line will receive a little over \$32,000 each this year and next year and has until 2026 to spend it. He also stated that Derby Line has a few projects that are eligible for which voter approval is not necessary unless it is a capital project. Derby Line's plan has been to spend it on water and sewer projects. Keith asked that our road crew do an assessment of all manholes, sewer and water lines, pump stations and fire hydrants to see where upgrades are most needed. The wise use of the money would be to replace old sewer pipes before they break.

It was decided to ask the voters in the village's next newsletter, through social media and Derby's website for their input for use of this money. Richard agreed to help compose this message.

Village Tax Rate for 2021:

This was tabled as the current grand list amount has not yet been downloaded for proper verification of what the rate will be. **Tabled.**

Letter Received on 8/17/21 from a Concerned Citizen:

Richard read the letter for those present, which described a concern about so many cigarette butts found in Baxter Park near the playground area and the concern that smokers should not be smoking in an area where there are children. Keith suggested that a couple of cigarette butt stations be placed in the park, one nearest the sidewalk and the other near the ball diamond. All agreed.

Business from Trustees, Treasurer and Road Foreman:

Caswell Ave Manhole and Kingsbury St Hydrant: Jaret reported that these repairs are scheduled to be done in Sept.

New Village Truck: Jaret reported that the truck has arrived and is being used. However, repairs still need to be made to the PTO which is not yet working correctly.

Baxter Park Stumps: Jaret stated that stumps will be pulled and landscaping done in the park at the same time that road work is done on the Caswell Ave. and Kingsbury St. jobs.

Brush at End of Pelow Hill: Keith asked if a letter had been sent to Joe Moeykens after the last Trustees meeting asking him to remove the pile of brush he has been placing on his neighbor's property. Madeleine confirmed that it had. Keith stated that it has not been removed and more brush has appeared. Madeleine will see that another letter goes out to Moeykens.

Yard Waste: Jaret asked that the upcoming newsletter to taxpayers include that yard waste is not to be dumped

at the end of the park and to give directions to the town stump dump.

Reservoir: Jaret stated that Wayne Elliott and two State of VT officials were here this week to inspect the reservoir. They noted that some repairs are needed, but one of the State officials was confused as to why Derby Line needs certification and is looking into it. Richard stated that it is probably because we have Holland Pond as a backup source, which is Derby Line's.

Water Certification Classes: Jaret is waiting to hear when the next series of water certification classes will be held that he plans to attend.

New Business from the Audience: None

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

Executive Session: None

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 7, 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 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Madeleine C. Roy, Assistant Village Clerk