

PRESENT: Candace Coburn, Emo Chynoweth, Chris Miller, Eric Nesbitt,
Phil Swanson, Robbie Blish, Mary Riley,
Susan Ford, Dierdre Savage, Bob Thomas,
Michelle Fields, Macy Lawrence.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Coburn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

After the meeting was called to order Mr. Chynoweth read a statement in memory of Penny Davis, calling attention to her seemingly invincible character and care and concern for all those with whom she came in contact and most of all her lover of family.

II. ADDITIONS TO AND DELETIONS FROM THE POSTED AGENDA: None this evening.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Zoning District Change (Inn District on Pleasant Street)

Susan Ford, Dierdre Savage and Bob Thomas were present for the Public Hearing. Ms. Savage and Mr. Thomas are owners of Shire Woodstock LLC. The parcel being reviewed this evening has been a Bed and Breakfast with owner's quarters along with a second building with rental units. The proposal is to establish all hotel rooms with no owner's quarters and change the zoning of this parcel from Residential High Density to Light Commercial.

Discussion followed, including the requirements for sewer, water, etc. Ms. Ford noted that this will all be brought into compliance soon with Act 250 and other pertinent regulations involving water and sewer, as well as with applicable zoning regulations.

On a motion of Mr. Nesbitt, second Mr. Chynoweth, the Board of Village Trustees voted to approve the zoning change for lot 21.51.21 as the proposed from Residential High Density to Light Commercial. Motion approved.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS: none this evening.

IV. REQUESTS FOR PERMITS

Pentangle

Pentangle Council on the Arts has submitted the annual application for Brown Bag Concerts on the Green on Thursdays throughout the summer from 11:00 to 2:00 PM.

The request includes reserving three parking spaces in the morning to accommodate artists and technical crew to park in the Northeast area of the Green. Discussion followed. Chief Blish will have his parking enforcement specialist on duty those mornings informed of the parking situation.

Trustees noted that there is free parking around the Green from one hour before an event begins on the Green until one hour after the event is over. There is also some concern about reserving parking spaces through the morning in a prime location, close to the business district.

Following discussion, on a motion of Mr. Miller, second Mr. Chynoweth the Board of Village Trustees voted to approve a permit for Use of the Green for Brown Bag Concerts on Thursdays throughout the summer and to reserve parking spaces on the Green from 11:00-2:00 however, not throughout the morning. Motion approved 3-1. Mr. Nesbitt opposed.

Woodstock Sports

Woodstock Sports has submitted their annual request to place planters on the brick way in front of the store on Central Street and to hold their Annual Driveway Sale on Memorial Day Weekend from Friday May 22, to Sunday May 24, 2015, however, the store may not be open on Sunday.

Following brief discussion the Board of Village Trustees voted to approve the request of Woodstock Sports to place planters on the brick way in front of the store and to hold the annual driveway sale on Memorial Day weekend. Motion approved.

V. VILLAGE POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Blish mentioned the void that Penny Davis' passing has left. She will be missed by many.

Officer Mark McComas was terminated on February 27.

Officer Mark Donka has had surgery, and will be out of work until the end of March.

The full time officer position has been posted and Chief Blish has confidence that the Village will be able to recruit qualified applicants.

Chief Blish met with the first grade classes at Woodstock Elementary School for discussion about bullying. He presented a copy of a workbook distributed to the children. Chief Blish advised the Board of a presentation on March 18 6:30-8:00 PM by a bullying prevention specialist, re media use etc. Chief Blish recommends attendance, especially by parents.

Opening Ceremonies for Special Olympics went well. The weather was very very cold.

Chief Blish reported that there have been many cars ticketed and towed this winter. He gave a reminder that the parking ban remains in effect until April 15 each year.

A real estate site has designated Woodstock as the safest town in Vermont. Data from an FBI report designates Vermont as the safest state in the country.

VI. VILLAGE MANAGERS REPORT

The Financial Report was distributed and reviewed briefly.

Mr. Swanson gave an overall update on the Park & Ride Project. Mandatory pre-bid conference set for Thursday at 11:00 A.M.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: none this evening.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fence Around the Green

Mr. Swanson distributed a photo of the fence around the Green where cast iron finials have come off fence posts. Over the years Mr. Swanson has been searching for a vendor who can replace these finials and Springfield Fence has proposed to do this work with a cost of \$5,500.00.

Since this was not included in the budget, a motion to amend the budget can be made an Annual Village Meeting. A suggestion was made to amend the budget by adding \$6,000.00 for this work.

B. Post Office Bridge Meeting

The Select Board will hold a public information meeting on April 21, 2015 about reconstruction of Bridge 51, known more commonly as the Post Office Bridge. Public questions, input, etc. is welcome at this meeting. The State of Vermont is proposing Rapid Bridge Replacement similar to the Rec Center Bridge project.

C. Application for Second Driveway Access Permit

Ordinance says only one curb cut, asking for variance. Asking for second access for fuel deliveries. Recommend maintain a walkway and park fuel truck in the street. Not inclined to see need, would ask for him to come into the meeting. No motion

D. Schedule Public Hearing to Change Zoning Regulations (to address shutters)

The Board scheduled a public hearing to change zoning regulations to address shutters in the Design Review District. That meeting will take place on April 14 or it will take place at the May 12 meeting depending on notification requirements, etc.

E. Prepare for Village Meeting

Presentation of the Budget at Village Meeting is in place.

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2015 were approved on a motion of Mr. Miller, second Mr. Chynoweth. Motion approved.

X. REVIEW EXPENSE WARRANTS

The Board of Village Trustees reviewed and signed expense warrants.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Mr. Miller, second Mr. Nesbitt, the Board of Village Trustees voted to adjourn their meeting following signing of the expense warrants.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.