

**VILLAGE OF WOODSTOCK
BOARD OF VILLAGE TRUSTEES
August 14, 2018
7:00 P. M.
Woodstock Town Hall
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes**

Present: Ward Goodenough, Cary Agin, Keri Cole, Serena Nelson, and Beth Fish

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Trustee Goodenough called to order at 7:03pm.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- A. Naked Table Event-Charlie Shackleton spoke asking for amendment to permit on behalf of Sustainable Woodstock, the Woodstock Farmer's Market, and the Naked Table Project.
- i. The amendment would be to allow a glass of locally grown wine served by Woodstock Inn or Simon Pierce during the event. Event is sealed off, so nobody can just walk away with alcohol.

Motion: by Mr. Agin to approved the amendment to include the serving of a glass of wine during the event on the center covered bridge.

Seconded: Ms. Cole

Discussion: Clarification asked for by Mr. Goodenough to verify that this is the permit that was submitted saying that no alcohol would be served.

Vote: 4-0-0

III. ADDITIONS TO AND DELETIONS FROM THE POSTED AGENDA

A. **Bookstock Committee Interest has been removed from the posted agenda.**

IV. REQUESTS FOR PERMITS

A. **Permit for use of the Sidewalk**

- i. Change the World Kids- Sidewalk Chalk 9/7 and 9/8
 - 1. Will try to not be a nuisance

Motion: by Mr. Agin to approved the permit for use of the sidewalk on 9/7 and 9/8 for Change the World Kids Sidewalk Chalk Event.

Seconded: by Ms. Nelson

Discussion: None

Vote: 4-0-0

V. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Chief Blish presented his report to the Board. The department will be participating in Labor Day DUI campaign. Officer Leblanc will be participating in Special Olympics event in Rutland at Dunkin Donuts. Officer Leblanc and Sgt. Swanson, went to Rec. Center day camp to show the cruiser, speak to the kids, and hand out goodies.

VI. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Village Financial Report

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. High Street Safety Issues

- i. Letters from Robert Pear and Andrea Sand reviewed by Trustees and a synopsis was given by Chief Blish.

Motion: by Mr. Goodenough to add the letters from Mr. Pear and Ms. Sand into the minutes.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole

Discussion: None

Vote: 4-0-0

- ii. Barb Kennedy addressed the board about the relocation of the sidewalk on the list set out number 9. Ms. Kennedy questioned why it would be relocated, as it goes from sidewalk to sidewalk. Ms. Kennedy also asked about the yellow 15mph speed signs.
 1. Chief Blish replied that by moving sidewalk 10' it allows for a better sight line for drivers to see someone in the crosswalk. The yellow 15mph speed signs can be used, but the lowest enforceable speed limit allowed by the State of Vermont is 25mph, so the yellow signs are a suggested speed.
- iii. Cindy Kozara and Ms. Kennedy addressed the board about the lowering of the weight limit on High St. Ms. Kozara and Ms. Kennedy were both in favor of this change.
 1. Chief Blish talked about reducing wear on the street due to excess weight. The street is starting to cave in certain areas and reducing the weight limit will reduce stress on the road. Chief Blish has warned and ticketed food service trucks that use High Street as a cut through. Lowering the weight limit should deter larger trucks from using the street.
- ii. Ron Behrns addressed the board about closing High Street to thru traffic. Mr. Behrns does not believe that the proposed changes will work and that the police need to enforce what is already posted on the street. Mr. Behrns doesn't believe that High Street is unsafe, just that enforcement needs to happen in order to reduce the speed and volume.
 1. The board was not interested in closing High Street to thru traffic, as they believe that it is a public street and serves a purpose of being open to two way traffic.
- iii. Ann Boyd addressed the board and wondered how the board will decide what changes that were suggested to implement and why they are warranted. Ms. Boyd doesn't know why these changes that were suggested are warranted.
- iv. Sue D'Anna addressed the board and was wondering why signs were bought prior to this being brought up at the June Trustees Meeting. Ms. D'Anna questioned whether there was any data on the need of signs prior to them being put up anywhere in the village.

- v. Timothy Dore addressed the board in favor of removing two parking spaces proposed on the list.

Motion: by Ms. Cole to make sure that there are 15mph suggested speed signs as well as 16,000 pound weight restriction signs posted at the intersections of Cross St and South Rd., Cross St. and Court St., and High St. and Central St..

Seconded: by Ms. Nelson

Discussion: None

Vote: 4-0-0

The remaining items on the list of suggestions have been **TABLED**.

B. Motorcycle noise in the village

1. Roger Logan was present to address the board as a follow-up to last meeting when the discussion was tabled. Mr. Logan's understanding was that the chief of police was going to be bringing data on motorcycles being pulled over.
 - a. Blish replied that he would have to hand search all tickets back to a certain date to verify that data and he doesn't have the time or man-power to do that.
2. Woodstock Village Ordinance Title 5, Noise Ordinance states that muffler cannot be modified or missing. Chief Blish stated that if the police department were to enforce the Village Ordinance the fee would be \$25, versus an approximate fee of \$99 for a defective equipment ticket.
3. Ms. Cole asked whether he knew of any other VT towns have an ordinance or if Massachusetts have a state law to support North Hampton and Boston laws on mufflers.
 - a. Mr. Logan is not aware of any state laws that support the town/city laws.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 15 Maple Street Request for Variance

Motion: by Ms. Nelson to table this discussion until next month until it can be discussed with the property owner and Mr. Swanson

Seconded: by Ms. Cole

Discussion: None

Vote: 3-0-1, Mr. Agin

B. Investment Advisory Group Fund Performance Report

- i. A handout was distributed to the board by Ms. Davies. Ms. Davies gave a summary of the report.

~~C. Bookstock Committee Interest~~

D. Central Street Fire update from Ellaway Properties

- i. Charlie Kimball addressed the board to summarize what he was told by Ms. Deignon of the Ellaway Group. El-Kam is working with the insurance company to remove the building by Labor Day. It will take ~2 weeks to demolish the building entirely. The fence will be maintained on the street until the building is fully removed.
- ii. A handout was given to the board with notes from Liza Deignan of Ellaway.

E. Set Tax Rate FY19

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the tax rate for the village of 0.1831 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Seconded: by Mr. Agin

Discussion: None

Vote: 4-0-0

F. East End Park Update from Sustainable Woodstock

- i. A packet given to the Trustees with updates and a proposal of three items to improve the park.
- ii. A set of stairs from the parking lot to the park was proposed with landing to allow visitors a gradual walk down to the park. Right now visitors have to walk from the parking lot down to the emergency access road to access the park.
- iii. A gate to stop vehicles from driving down the access road without access was proposed, along with a sketch to make it more appealing.
 - 1. Currently it is a wire rope, and they would like to make it more aesthetically pleasing.
 - 2. The gate wouldn't be locked, would allow emergency access and handicap access.
- iv. A fence was proposed for a clean boundary as well as keeping people from driving into edibles garden and down over the embankment. The fence will be rock pillars with chain connecting them.
- v. Wouldn't cost any money to the village or the town. The money that was raised will cover the cost of all three projects, and if they go over budget, they will raise more funds to cover it.

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the stairs, gate, and fence as proposed.

Seconded: by Mr. Agin

Discussion: Timeline for getting these done would be end of October.

Vote: 4-0-0

IX. OTHER BUSINESS - NONE

X. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 10, 2018

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the minutes as submitted.

Seconded: by Ms. Nelson

Discussion: None

Vote: 4-0-0

XI. REVIEW EXPENSE WARRANTS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: by Ms. Nelson to adjourn the meeting pending review of expense warrants at 8:35PM

Seconded: by Ms. Cole

Discussion: None

Vote: 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Fish

Jeffrey Kahn, Chair

Ward Goodenough

Cary Agin

Keri Cole

Serena Nelson