

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
BOARD OF VILLAGE TRUSTEES MEETING
August 13, 2019
7:00 pm
Woodstock Town Hall
Draft Minutes

Draft subject to approval.

Present: Serena Nelson, Keri Cole, Ana DiNatale, Beth Fish, Fire Chief Green, Mary Riley, Christian Avard, Sandy Hadden, Ray Bourgeois, Nick Clark, Carole Pickett, Jill Davies, Police Chief Blish, Joshua Pauly, Dale Frates

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Ms. Nelson called the August 13th, 2019 meeting of the Village Trustees to order at 7:00pm.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- A. Nick Clark from Thetford Select Board addressed the Village Trustees about a Regional Energy Coordinator
- i. It was proposed that TRORC administer a service contract between a small number of towns. This contract shall include a full-time staff position, and the job title shall be Regional Energy Coordinator.
 - ii. Mr. Clark is gauging interest of the towns included in the handout to figure out cost sharing and if anybody is interested.
 - iii. The Trustees would be interested in being included in this service.

III. ADDITIONS TO AND DELETIONS FROM THE POSTED AGENDA -None

IV. REQUESTS FOR PERMITS

A. Use of the Green

i. Zack's Place Turkey Trot – November 28th from 8am – 12pm

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the Zack's Place Turkey Trot permit for Use of the Green as submitted.

Seconded: by Ms. DiNatale

Discussion: None

Vote: 3-0-0, passed

ii. Pentangle – Light Garden – September 13-14th from 2pm – 8pm

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the Pentangle Light Garden permit for Use of the Green as submitted.

Seconded: by Ms. DiNatale

Discussion: None

Vote: 3-0-0, passed

B. Parade/Event

i. Zack's Place Turkey Trot – November 28th from 10am – 12pm

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the Zack's Place Turkey Trot permit for a road race as submitted.

Seconded: by Ms. DiNatale

Discussion: None

Vote: 3-0-0, passed

ii. Naked Table Dinner – September 14th from 4pm - 8:30pm

1. Working with Yankee Magazine and a television station out of Boston.

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the Naked Table Dinner permit for Use of the Middle Bridge as submitted.

Seconded: by Ms. DiNatale

Discussion: None

Vote: 3-0-0, passed

C. Use of the Sidewalk

i. Change the World Kids – Sidewalk Chalk Event – September 7-8th

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the Change the World Kids Sidewalk Chalk Event permit as submitted.

Seconded: by Ms. DiNatale

Discussion: None

Vote: 3-0-0, passed

ii. Home Partners – 29 Elm Street – TBD

Tabled until more details can be received. The Trustees would like to have exact dates and where the lift will be stored when not in use.

V. POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

- A. 2 DUI arrests in July. Aug 16 – Sept 2 GHSP Labor Day program.
- B. Reminder for the community to please lock their doors to residences and vehicles. A vehicle was stolen, and other break-ins have occurred during the past month. If anybody has any information, please contact the police.
- C. Coffee with the Chief will be on August 29, 2019 from 7:30-9:00am at Mon Vert Cafe.
- D. Aug 28th is the 1st day of school. Please be careful with the busses and students on the street. Prosper has merged with Woodstock, so the number of students has doubled. A drop-off zone has been added to Cross Street area to lessen congestion.
 - i. Quicker drop off, but parking spots will not be available during that time.
 - ii. Cross Street on the block between Court and South St. Almost in front of the Woodstock Inn Admin building parking lot entrance.**
- E. Repair costs for meters has gone from \$80 to \$120. Some towns have trained their own personnel and order parts so that the Town can repair in house on smaller issues.
 - i. About 6 meters are being sent out each month for repairs.
- F. 2 Hour parking permit pilot program. Some if not all of the permits have been sold. Once the 10 permits are sold, there isn’t much more to it.

VI. VILLAGE MANAGER’S REPORT

- A. Financial Report – A report was given to the Village Trustees for review.

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for assistance in removing old telephone poles from in front of 12-14 Prospect Street.

- i. Mr. Hadden asked the Village Trustees for assistance in getting rid of the old poles located at 12 and 14 Prospect Street. The new poles have been in place for over 3 years and are an eyesore. Mr. Hadden referenced a letter to the editor by David Brown regarding the removal of old telephone poles.

- ii. Ms. Davies suggested that the Select Board and Village Trustees not approve any new poles to be installed unless they remove the old poles.
- iii. The Trustees will contact the Vermont Department of Public Service to put pressure on the companies to remove the old poles.

B. Set a date for Public Hearing regarding Town Plan

- i. The Trustees have tentatively agreed upon a meeting for September 10th, 2019 for a public hearing regarding changes to the Town Plan.

C. Set Village Tax Rate for FY20

- i. The analysis of Tax Rates on Page 29 of the Village Annual Report did not include the special articles or the correct budget amount. Therefore, the projected tax rate for FY20 is incorrect and should be .1976 for the village rate.

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the Village Tax Rate for FY20 at a rate of .1976 as submitted.

Seconded: by Ms. DiNatale

Discussion: None

Vote: 3-0-0, passed

IX. OTHER BUSINESS -None

X. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. July 8, 2019 Joint Minutes
 - i. Line 18: b. Village Trustees at ~~7:04pm~~
- B. July 9, 2019 Minutes
- C. July 30, 2019 Minutes
- D. July 31, 2019 Joint Minutes

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the minutes listed above with the proposed change to the July 8, 2019 joint minutes and all others as submitted.

Seconded: by Ms. DiNatale

Discussion: None

Vote: 3-0-0, passed

XI. REVIEW EXPENSE WARRANTS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: by Ms. Cole to adjourn the meeting pending review of expense warrants at 7:42pm.

Seconded: by Ms. DiNatale

Discussion: None

Vote: 3-0-0, passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Fish