

VILLAGE OF WOODSTOCK
BOARD OF VILLAGE TRUSTEES MEETING
June 9, 2020
Continuation of the Village Meeting
Woodstock Town Hall
MINUTES

Draft subject to approval.

Present: Chair Jeffrey Kahn, Cary Agin, Ana DiNatale, Seton McIlroy, William Kerbin, Nikki Nourse, Keri Cole, Joe DiNatale, Karim Houry, Doug Raymond, Jennifer Raymond, Isabelle Chiccoine, Ray Bourgeois

I. REORGANIZATION OF VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Motion: by Ms. DiNatale to nominate Jeffrey Kahn for Chair.

Seconded: by Mr. Agin.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

Motion: by Chair Kahn to nominate Cary Agin for Vice Chair.

Seconded: by Ms. DiNatale.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

I. NEWSPAPERS OF RECORD

Motion: by Ms. DiNatale to use the Vermont Standard as the primary newspaper of record and the Valley News as secondary.

Seconded: by Mr. Agin.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

II. MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS

A. Planning Commission (4 years)

1. Susan Boston

B. Development Review Board (3 years)

1. Keri Cole will continue until new member is chosen

a. Ms. Cole stated she will be remaining on the board.

C. Design Review Board (3 years)

1. 2 vacancies

a. Chair Kahn stated that there are four interviews being held tomorrow.

II. PERMITS

A. Sidewalk Use Permit - Dr. Coburn's Tonic

1. Chair Kahn stated that Dr. Coburn's Tonic is hoping to use round tables on the sidewalk on the inner seam of Elm St and Central St. This will be used for outdoor dining.

Motion: by Mr. Agin to approve the Sidewalk Use Permit as submitted by Dr. Coburn's Tonic.

Seconded: by Ms. DiNatale.

Discussion: Chair Kahn stated that this will be available until the emergency is over. The tables must be ten feet apart. This will be pending all health requirements are met. The end date should be October 15, 2020. People will not be outdoor dining after this date. There will also be no smoking allowed.

Mr. DiNatale stated that the Governor has requested that local municipalities not be restrictive on restaurants for outdoor dining during this time.

Chair Kahn stated that it is hard for restaurants right now. The Health Officer, David Green, will oversee that they are following guidelines.

Mr. Houry suggested allowing this until restaurants can have 100% occupancy.

Chair Kahn stated that they do not know when this will happen.

Mr. Raymond asked about outdoor music.

Chair Kahn stated that they will not have outdoor music. They would have to apply for a different permit.

Mr. Raymond asked about outdoor liquor license.

Mr. Agin stated they would have to be roped off.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed, with the restriction to only half of the sidewalk can be used, they must follow all health rules that will be enforced by the Health Officer. The ending date will be October 15, 2020.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Ms. Chiccoine stated that she is the co-president with Ray Bourgeois of the Chamber of Commerce. They have been meeting weekly. They have three points they would like to propose for businesses. A handout was given to the Trustees which is included.

1. Mr. Agin agrees with the meters. The main reason for the meters is turnover. There is very little of that right now. The meters do not seem necessary.
2. Ms. Chiccoine stated that the EDC is working on putting more picnic tables on the Green and the space where PI restaurant was. Restaurants need to use outdoor dining. Communities need to lift restrictions.
3. Chair Kahn stated he would like to change the end date to October 15, 2020. He is in favor of waiving the permit fees. He is fine with allowing outdoor signage if appropriate. It should be reviewed. As for the meters, the moratorium was already

extended. Those who are visiting are getting them validated. There will be an increase in traffic soon. The Woodstock Inn is opening in July. They may need that turnover in the parking. They also may be changing the system soon. The original purpose was turnover but now the profit is going towards new meters or kiosks. There will be a report from the Parking Committee in August. The moratorium could go to the end of June.

4. Mr. DiNatale stated that the visitor count is extremely low. The Village is not going to see the same numbers as last year. Meter maids are not doing much because there are not many cars.
5. Ms. Cole stated that Neal Leitner is looking at signage to make things easier for visitors to know what is open
6. Chair Kahn suggested letting Mr. Leitner give the okay for signs.
7. Ms. Chiccoine stated the stores are hoping to have a display to lure people into the stores. This would not be as big as a sidewalk sale, just something small. This would be just during this time.
8. Chair Kahn stated they would need to apply for a permit.
9. Ms. Cole stated that Hanover has adopted something like this, and it is beautiful. It makes the town look vibrant and less grim.
10. Mr. Bourgeois suggested allowing stores to use up to a 2x3 sandwich board.
11. Chair Kahn stated they can waive all business permit fees. The end date would need to be October 15, 2020. Signs cannot interfere with pedestrian or vehicle traffic. The meter moratorium can be extended until the next Trustees meeting in July.

Motion: by Chair Kahn to waive all permitting fees to businesses for outdoor operations through October 15, 2020; to allow each business to have up to a 2x3 sandwich board sign as long as it does not interfere with pedestrian or vehicle traffic; to extend the moratorium on parking meters to the next Trustees meeting, scheduled for July 14, 2020, and re-evaluate at that time.

Seconded: by Mr. Agin.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: by Ms. McIlroy to adjourn the meeting at 9:16pm.

Seconded: by Mr. Agin.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Nourse