

VILLAGE OF WOODSTOCK
BOARD OF VILLAGE TRUSTEES MEETING
JULY 8, 2020
8:30 AM
CONFERENCE CALL
MINUTES

Present: Chair Jeffrey Kahn, Cary Agin, Ana DiNatale, Seton McIlroy, Daphne Lowe, William Kerbin, Nikki Nourse, Isabelle Chicoine, Chris Henderson, Jeannie Lindheim, Ray Bourgeois, Vicki Ferentinos, Paul Regan, Zoie Parent, Fire Chief David Green, Jill Davies, Kari Meutsch, Beth Finlayson, Alison Clarkson, Mary Riley, Ken Vandenburg, David Brown, Allan Stein, Bill Corson, Tim Comerato, Lisa Lawlor, Police Chief Robbie Blish

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Chair Kahn called the Trustees meeting of July 8, 2020 at 8:30am.

II. ADDITIONS TO AND DELETIONS FROM THE POSTED AGENDA – none

III. PROPOSED EMERGENCY VILLAGE MASK ORDINANCE

A. Chair Kahn stated that this is a proposed ordinance written by himself and Ms. McIlroy. It has already been submitted for attorney review. Chair Kahn read the ordinance which is included in the minutes.

Motion: by Chair Kahn to approve the Emergency Village Mask Ordinance.

Seconded: by Ms. DiNatale.

Discussion: Ms. McIlroy asked if the enforcement employees had any concerns about the ordinance.

Chief Green stated that he has no concerns. The wording states that they have a choice to enforce.

Chief Blish also had no issues with it.

Chair Kahn stated that if the parking attendants see someone without a mask, they will approach them and inform them about the ordinance and provide a mask if they do not have one.

Ms. Davies stated that the ordinance is unreasonable on all village sidewalks.

Chair Kahn stated that changing the wording would not be a good idea. A person can suddenly have people in front of them. Giving people the option makes them more likely to not wear it. People do not have to wear them on private property. They do not want it to be left up to debate. They want people to self-enforce. They are going to be dealing with this virus for a while. The ordinance gets confusing if they change it.

Ms. DiNatale stated that the enforcement should be understanding. If someone is in the village with a lot of people around, they should wear one. Otherwise it should be common sense enforcement.

Ms. McIlroy stated that enforcing makes sense outside in crowded spaces. However, she is concerned about people not wanting to go to Woodstock because of this.

Chair Kahn stated that enforcing employees should use discretion in enforcing this ordinance. Employees of businesses will not be required to wear one if there are no customers around and they are following social distancing. They will add signs once they discuss it. The signs will discuss the ordinance.

Ms. Finlayson stated they should follow the examples of signs in Hanover. She can get a picture of them. They are well done.

Chair Kahn stated they will discuss the signs at the next meeting on July 14.

Chief Green stated that they do not have the authority to enforce on county, state, or federal buildings. These places do not have to abide by the ordinance. They have their own rules.

Chair Kahn stated that if any properties within the village are federal, state, or county and are excluded by law they may be excluded from the ordinance. This ordinance is for all other businesses. However, it does not include houses of worship.

Chief Green stated that they are following the same requirements. They can only have so many people and must wear face masks. They are no different.

Chair Kahn stated that they can include them in the ordinance then.

Mr. Vandenburg asked about labor intensive work for the highway department. Do they need to wear a mask?

Chair Kahn stated no. They will add strenuous physical activity to the ordinance under exemptions.

Ms. Finlayson asked if they would provide masks for the visitor's center?

Chair Kahn stated yes. Visitors will be sent there by anyone in the Village. They will be ordering masks.

Ms. McIlroy stated that in the ordinance it states that with restaurants people need to wear a face mask until seated. According to the Governor's rules unless there is an outbreak, they cannot restrict restaurants more.

Chair Kahn stated that with restaurants there is often a group of people waiting to be seated and they are closely packed. The ordinance was reviewed by a lawyer so it should be fine.

Ms. DiNatale stated that most restaurants are requiring masks anyway. She does not think there will be an issue.

Chair Kahn stated that if it turns out they need to amend the ordinance they will. They cannot enforce on Faulkner Park because they do not own it. If someone refuses to wear a mask there is no further enforcement.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A. Ms. Davies stated that there is signage that was prepared. They could add the word required.

The Select Board has a meeting at 12pm today.

B. Chief Blish stated that he is getting quotes for masks. He will send it to Mr. Kerbin. The one

vendor they have only has medical grade and they are more expensive.

C. Chair Kahn stated the inexpensive ones are readily available.

D. Ms. Riley stated that the Select Board meeting will be on the Green. If there is rain it will be held in the Town Hall theater.

E. Chair Kahn stated that the Select Board will be discussing a mask resolution at that meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: by Mr. Agin to adjourn the meeting at 9:06am.

Seconded: by Ms. McIlroy.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Nourse