

Village of Woodstock

Board of Trustees

Meeting

May 11, 2021

7:00 pm

Zoom

Minutes

Draft minutes are subject to approval

Present: Chair Jeffrey Kahn, Seton McIlroy, Brenda Blakeman, Bill Corson, William Kerbin, Nikki Nourse, Police Chief Robbie Blish, PJ Eames, Karim Houry, Patrick Fultz, Joe DiNatale

A. Call to order

1. Chair Kahn called the Trustees meeting of May 11, 2021 to order at 7:00 pm.

B. Citizen comments – none

C. Additions to and deletions from the posted agenda

1. Deletion – Woodstock Records Management & Retention Policy
2. Additions
 - a. Dr. Coburn’s Tonic sidewalk permit
 - b. Welcoming newcomers to Town

D. Manager’s report

1. General report

- a. Mr. Kerbin stated that the paving project is moving along. They have not gotten to Route 12 yet. They will be posting updates on the List Serve and the Town’s website.
- b. Chair Kahn stated that he noticed a striping company’s truck parked on the side of the street. Their engine was running for four hours straight. They said it was their company’s policy. Something should be said to Pike Industries who have hired them.

2. Financial report

- a. Mr. Corson asked about the plan to pave secondary roads.
 1. Mr. Kerbin stated that they will not be starting these roads for about another month. Blaktop will be doing them.

- b. Chair Kahn stated that he had some questions regarding the financial report but most of them were answered by Zoie Parent. He suggests that the Trustees ask Ms. Parent any questions they have tomorrow.

E. Police Chief's report

1. Chief Blish stated that Tim McGuire, who did meter patrols on Saturdays has left. There is a vacancy for his position. In the month of April there was meter revenue of \$5,390. Kiosks were \$930.65, meters were \$3,076.46, and Park Mobile was \$1,383.75. The posts that had been sheared off during the winter have been repaired or replaced. The meter posts around the Green have been removed. Traffic has been slow but that is to be expected with the paving work being done. They have participated in distracted driving patrols. Officer Smith wrote 5 cell phone tickets within 2 hours. The front lobby phone at the Emergency Services Building has been moved to the West side of the building. They have given their testimony to the House Transportation Committee regarding the overlength truck permit. The House is not interested in repealing the permit. The reason is for safety. Over 50% of large trucks cross the double yellow lines on the corner near Maplefields.
2. Chair Kahn stated that there is an estimated additional 15,000 trucks a year that will travel through Woodstock if this permit is repealed.

F. Old business

1. Dr. Coburns Tonic Sidewalk Permit – Tabled

G. New business

1. Cannabis Committee report regarding survey results

- a. Ms. Eames stated that they put out a survey recently. The objective of the Committee is to raise awareness for Woodstock voters. They are remaining objective and factual. They have several wonderful advisors; Charlie Kimbell, Robbie Blish, Melanie Sheehan, Dr. Clare Drebitko, and Kimberly Gilbert. The recreational selling of cannabis begins 2022 in Vermont. It is a good time to do research and gain more information to see if Woodstock wants to opt-in.
- b. Ms. Eames shared a presentation (included in minutes).
- c. Mr. Houry stated that there are several variables on when they can have an informational meeting. It depends on how fast the Cannabis Control Board is

set up and up to speed. He thinks in the next 2–3 months, they should be able to have an informational meeting.

2. Parking Committee report

- a. Ms. Blakeman stated that she has been on the Board for about a month. They are working out all the little pieces on how the Village is going to obtain the parking at the Historical Society. They are working hard on this. They are trying to get it done as fast as they can. They want people to be able to have their personal parking spots but may have some mixed use. It is still being worked on.

3. Mask Ordinance discussion

- a. Chair Kahn stated that the State Mask Ordinance has been amended on April 30th. The Village must decide whether to drop the outdoor mask requirements. The State no longer requires people to wear face masks when outdoors.

Motion: by Chair Kahn to suspend the outdoor part of the Village Mask Ordinance except for on Central and Elm Street until such time as they suspend the ordinance altogether.

Seconded: by Ms. McIlroy.

Discussion: Ms. McIlroy stated that she likes the concept. It is a compromise.

Chair Kahn stated that it would only be for a short period of time. The police officers would explain to individuals that there is an ordinance in place and let people know on those streets.

Mr. Fultz stated that the Governor stated that the State may speed up the plan and open everything up by June 1st. He thinks having the ordinance only apply to 2 streets will be too confusing.

Chair Kahn stated that the Village's ordinance will end when the State's ordinance ends.

Mr. Corson stated that whatever they decide needs to be put on List Serve.

Chair Kahn stated that he thinks the two streets are very congested and he thinks there is a danger there.

Vote: 1–3–0, motion did not pass. (Chair Kahn for, Ms. McIlroy against, Ms. Blakeman against, Mr. Corson against.)

Motion: by Ms. McIlroy to follow the State guidelines regarding masks, and no longer require masks to be worn outside in the Village except during events.

Seconded: by Ms. Blakeman.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 3-1-0, passed. (Ms. McIlroy for, Ms. Blakeman for, Mr. Corson for, Chair Kahn against.)

4. Tribou Park permit discussion

- a. Chair Kahn stated that the Trustees require permits for the other parks within the Village, and it was brought up that there is no permit for Tribou Park.
- b. Mr. Corson stated that he is concerned about liability. He thinks there should be consistency.
- c. Chair Riley stated that historically Tribou Park has been used for public demonstrations and has never required a permit.
- d. The Village Trustees will not require permits for Tribou Park usage at this time.

5. Woodstock Records Management & Retention Policy – TABLED

6. Other business

- a. Chair Kahn stated that there are railings around the Green that need to be fixed or replaced.
 1. Mr. Kerbin stated that he talked to Ken Vandenburg today. Mr. Vandenburg had talked to a fence company, but they will not be able to get to it for a couple of months.
 2. Mr. DiNatale asked if they would also get painted.
 3. Mr. Kerbin stated that the new summer help can do this. He can also do jobs like weeding, trash, and painting of the recycling bins, etc.
 4. Chair Kahn stated that his job is primarily outdoors.
- b. Welcoming newcomers to the Village
 1. Mr. Corson stated that he has received copies of land records of all new transfers that have occurred this year to get names and addresses of newcomers. He is hoping to do something to welcome new people to town.
 2. Ms. Finlayson stated that they did an event on October 30th last year to welcome newcomers. They offered coffee and muffins on a Saturday morning. She would love to set up another event.
 3. Mr. Corson and Ms. Finlayson will discuss the idea of setting up another event to welcome newcomers.

H. Approval of minutes

1. 4/13/21 Meeting Minutes

- a. Change fee to free.
- b. Mr. Corson to Ms.
- c. Co–Chair of the Beautification Committee of the Garden Club

Motion: by Mr. Corson to approve the meeting minutes of April 13, 2021 with the amendments as listed.

Seconded: by Ms. McIlroy.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4–0–0, passed.

I. Adjournment

Motion: by Mr. Corson to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm.

Seconded: by Ms. Blakeman.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4–0–0, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Nourse

Jeffrey Kahn

Jeffrey Kahn (Jun 12, 2021 11:57 EDT)

Seton McIlroy

Seton McIlroy (Jun 13, 2021 09:33 EDT)

Daphne Lowe

Daphne Lowe (Jun 13, 2021 16:55 EDT)

Brenda Blakeman

Brenda Blakeman (Jun 14, 2021 07:00 EDT)

William C. Corson

William C. Corson (Jun 14, 2021 07:05 EDT)