

SPECIAL VILLAGE MEETING
July 30, 2024
MINUTES

PRESENT: Seton McIlroy, Brenda Blakeman, Frank Horneck, Lisa Lawlor, and Jeff Kahn Village Trustees; Greg Camp, Moderator; Eric Duffy, Manager; Charlie Degener, Asst. Clerk; and approximately 100 voters.

Greg Camp called the meeting to order at 7:22 after relocating from the second-floor conference room to the auditorium. Voters checked off the checklist had been given stickers to indicate voting status. After a brief review of procedure, the Trustees, Village Manager, and Asst. Village Clerk were introduced. The moderator then read out the warning.

Article I was moved by Jeff Kahn and seconded by Laura Powell. Amy McElroy moved to have a paper ballot which was seconded by Charlotte Hollingsworth. Jill Davies moved to amend the motion that a paper ballot would only be used if a voice vote was unclear. There was no second to Jill's motion. Susie Stolz spoke in favor of a paper ballot. The voice vote carried the motion for a paper ballot.

Seton McIlroy then gave a presentation regarding the Short-Term Zoning regulations and the process behind them, noting that previously the Town and Village had separate regulations and the hope was to create unified regulations between both municipalities. She then explained the ramifications of a yes or no vote. Andy Caffrey stated that the new regulations are a solution in search of a problem, noting that Vermont law regarding long-term tenants needs to be addressed. Susie Stolz noted that there are more listings for short-term rentals than there are permits. She spoke about the loss of neighbors and the advantages of software. She also noted that fees will increase regardless of the outcome of this vote. Roger Logan said that there has been a 365% increase in short-term rentals since 2017. Jeremy Fryer called for a vote, which was seconded by Sam Segal. The vote passed.

The Moderator re-read the Warning and the meeting was recessed for the purpose of voting by paper ballot.

The meeting was re-convened, and the results of the paper ballot were presented by the Moderator: 36 Yes votes and 68 No votes. Article I was declared to have failed.

Jeff Kahn moved to adjourn seconded by Seton McIlroy and so voted at 8:26 p.m.

Attest:

F. Charles Degener III, Asst. Village Clerk