

**VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
May 11, 2021

Present: Trustees – Samuel Vaillancourt, Heather Moore, Leonard Charron  
Staff – Jonathan Elwell, Gary Denton  
Guests – Jim Cameron, Sandy Ferland, Ellen Stanley, Ken St Amour, Cindi Miner, NW Access Television

This meeting was held electronically via Zoom Meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Samuel Vaillancourt, Chair at 6:36pm.

Samuel Vaillancourt took roll call and read the Electronic Meeting Disclosure.

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda

Jon Elwell requested that an item under Executive Session – for the purpose of discussing negotiations in which premature public knowledge may compromise the position of the municipality, be added to the agenda. The Board of Trustees agreed to this change.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Review/Approval Minutes April 27, 2021

Heather Moore made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

4. Lincoln Park Permit Request, American Legion Post #42 VT Thunder Event/Memorial Day Event

After some discussion, Heather Moore made a motion to approve the Lincoln Park Permit and Bandstand Permit Requests for the VT Thunder/Memorial Day Events with no fee charged to the American Legion, and a \$20,000.00 liability insurance requirement for the events. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

5. Maple Park Permit Request, United Methodist Church, Lawn Sale

Heather Moore made a motion to approve the Maple Park Permit request with no fee or liability insurance required. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

After the motion passed, Jim Cameron expressed to the Board he considered liability insurance to be relatively cheap. He feels the Board should consider this a requirement for all events on Village property to protect the municipality in case of accidents. The Board thanked him for his suggestion, and said they would take this into consideration.

6. Public Works/Water Department Status Report

Gary Denton, Director of Public Works was present to give a general update on items within Public Works and the Water Department. Most of his conversation centered around his memo to the Board discussing unanticipated maintenance work needed on the Water Dept.'s Well #1. During a recent inspection by Weston & Sampson, they noticed that the column and motor shaft needed replacement. The estimate given to Gary was for \$6,765.00 to accommodate this additional maintenance work. This would be above the 2021 well maintenance budget. Gary was asking for approval from the Board of Trustees to hire Weston & Sampson to do this additional work given the cost was higher than the \$5,000.00 authority for approval given the Village Manager under the Village's Procurement Policy. The funds would come from the Water Dept. Operating Funds. Heather Moore made a motion to

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approve the request to hire Weston & Sampson for the \$6,765.00 quote to complete the Well #1 column and motor shaft work. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

7. Enosburgh Initiative Report

Jim Cameron reported to the Board on several items the E.I. Group is involved with. This included:

*Green-Up Day* – the E.I. got together a group of local people May 1<sup>st</sup> to participate in VT's Green-Up Day effort. Individuals were able to clean trash around several roads in Enosburgh.

*Perley Block Renovation* – Jim reported that efforts are still occurring on this potential project. There are still several details which need to be worked out including parking issues around the redevelopment of the block.

*Dough Boy Statue Renovation* – There was a bit more to complete on the renovations than originally believed. For this reason, the statue is still being worked on by the restoration company. It is believed the Dough Boy will be complete by the end of spring.

*Bike Station on Lincoln Park* – The E.I. has brought this up to the Trustees previously, but Jim is checking in again to report that they would like to put a bike station up on Lincoln Park, and checking in to make sure that is still O.K. with the Board. The Board agreed they were still on board with allowing the bike station on the park. The E.I. will work with Gary Denton, Director of Public Works to determine a good location for the bike station soon.

*Welcome Center* – Although a previous attempt to have a Welcome Center in Enosburg Falls located at the Opera House did not go well, the E.I. would like to try this again. This time it will be located at the Masonic Temple on Main Street. Plans are in the works to get this operating, and staffed by volunteers this summer.

8. Manager's Report

Jon Elwell reported on several items:

*AMI/VPPSA Project* – Negotiations with Aclara (meter vendor) continue through VPPSA. Nothing is committed to by any members at this time. Still working on hammering out the details/costs of an AMI (smart meter) project for VPPSA member systems. Cost estimates received from Aclara show a 15-year cost for Enosburg Falls' Electric Dept. service territory at approximately \$990,000.00. A cost/benefit analysis for each member system is still being worked on. This will be key as to whether systems will want to be a part of this effort.

*Proposed Battery Storage Project* – Jon gave a short report on another proposed VPPSA member project concerning electric generation battery storage. VPPSA informed Jon last week they would like to have Enosburg Falls in an RFP they are sending out this month to gather cost estimates for a battery storage project that would include Lyndonville, Enosburg Falls, and Northfield in a Phase II proposal.

*FERC RELICENSING* – Jon reported that our Final License Application (FLA) has been submitted to FERC by consultant Paul Nolan regarding our hydro dam facility's license to operate. This is another important milestone in this endeavor, and we are now 3 years into what is expected to be a 5-year process.

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S.60 – This bill has now been signed into law by Governor Scott. In a quick summary, the bill allows public power utilities in VT to implement rate changes up to 2% annually without undergoing the traditional PUC reviews and approval. There is still a clause in the bill, however, which would allow the DPS to intervene and call for a full review if they felt there was a problem with a utility's proposed increase even at 2%. We will have to see how frequently the DPS uses this ability to determine whether this bill makes a real difference in the way public power is regulated by the state government.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Executive Session: For the Purpose of Discussing Personnel, and Negotiations in which Premature Public Knowledge May Compromise the Position of the Municipality

Heather Moore made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, and negotiations in which premature public knowledge may compromise the position of the municipality. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:47pm. Heather Moore made a motion to re-enter the Board's Regular Meeting. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous. The Board re-entered its Regular Meeting at 8:49pm.

As a result of Executive Session, Sam Vaillancourt stated the Board had made decisions regarding appointments to the two Board of Trustees vacancies. Leonard Charron made a motion to appoint Eli Gabuzda to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees from Cindi Miner. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.

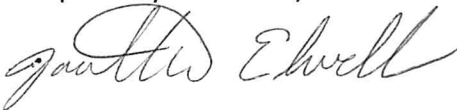
Heather Moore made a motion to appoint Sandy Ferland to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees from Jason Larose. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

The Board stated that after much discussion, and consideration it was their sense these were the best qualified applicants for the positions. They also wished to thank everyone who submitted letters of interest for the vacancies, and the Board expressed gratitude to all applicants for their willingness to serve the community.

11. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Heather Moore made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jonathan Elwell  
Village Manager

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at a Regular Board Meeting on May 25, 2021.*

**TRUSTEES MEETING APPROVAL**

Minutes of the Meeting for: May 11, 2021

Approved: May 25, 2021

Trustee Signature:



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