

**VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
November 9, 2021

Present: Trustees – Samuel Vaillancourt, Heather Moore, Sandra Ferland, Eli Gabuzda  
Staff – Jonathan Elwell, Gary Denton  
Guests – Jesse Woods (Town of Enosburgh), Brian Dawicki, (NW Access TV)

Meeting was called to order by Samuel Vaillancourt, Chair at 6:32pm.

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda  
There were no modifications to the agenda.
  
2. Public Comment  
There was no public comment.
  
3. Review/Approval Minutes October 26, 2021  
Sandra Ferland made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.
  
4. Planning & Zoning Grants Update, Jesse Woods, Town of Enosburgh Zoning Administrator  
Jesse Woods, Town of Enosburgh Zoning Administrator gave the Trustees an update regarding the Town's Municipal Planning Grant project submitted this year. Due to costs associated with the scope of work in the grant application, the Town cut an updated housing portion to the bylaws. They will attempt to fill this gap by applying for an upcoming NRPC housing consortium grant later in the year. He may ask the Trustees for a letter of support, when the time comes, regarding the housing consortium grant.
  
5. 2022 Proposed Budget Projects  
Heather Moore asked the Board to consider extending the sidewalk along the north side of Pearl Street to connect with the proposed new Town of Enosburgh Offices to be located in the former Enosburg Falls Armory Building. Materials regarding the request were provided in the Board's packet. She asked this be considered for the upcoming year's budget. After discussion, it was determined that an extension would not be a part of the 2022 Budget, but that staff should include figures for a flashing beacon crosswalk across from the new Town Offices so that pedestrians may safely cross from the existing sidewalk across the street.  
  
Jon Elwell asked the Board if they wished to discuss either replacing the Welcome Signs at the gateways to the Village or discussing this with the Enosburg Falls Lions Club. The Lions Club owns the current signs. Sandra Ferland told the Board, David Tryhorne, is discussing this with the Lions Club, and she showed the Board a photo of a new, draft design done by Mr. Tryhorne which he has presented to the Lions Club. This appeared to resolve the question as the Lions Club is already working on replacements.
  
6. Transco 2021 Equity Offer

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Jon Elwell reviewed a memo and related materials from Crystal Currier, Director of Finance for VPPSA on the TRANSCO 2021 equity offer. Eli Gabuzda made a motion to approve the full purchase, as recommended by VPPSA for the 2021 TRANSCO equity offer, and to authorize Jon Elwell, Village Manager to sign necessary documents. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.

7. SQRP Report

Jon Elwell gave a review of the current quarter SQRP Report. All Electric Department baseline figures were within State standards.

8. Manager's Report

Jon reported on several items:

- Tim Watkins Retires at IBEW, Local 300 – After many years as Business Manager for Local 300, Tim has decided to retire. Jeffrey Wimette will temporarily fill this vacancy.
- NEPPA Members Developing Off-Shore Wind Power – From Mansfield, MA Vineyard Wind has announced “Commonwealth Wind.” This is an offshore wind proposal that would allow MA municipal light departments to purchase more green power, better assisting their power supply portfolios. There are several NEPPA members from MA that could participate in this proposal.
- Energy Panel Discussion- Jon participated in the Energy Panel discussion he was asked to attend by FCIDC. He reported this was a good, and relevant discussion with a total of seven panel members including himself present.

9. Other Business

Heather Moore reported NWCUD received a \$600,000.00 grant from ARPA Funds to further investigate the expansion of broadband service across Franklin County.

10. Executive Session: Negotiations in Which Premature Public Knowledge May Compromise the Position of the Municipality.

Heather Moore made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations in which premature public knowledge may compromise the position of the municipality. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:25pm. Eli Gabuzda recused himself, citing a conflict of interest, and leaving Executive Session at 8:10pm. Eli returned to Executive Session at 8:45pm.

Sandy Ferland made a motion to return to the Board's Regular Meeting. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous. The Board returned to their Regular Meeting at 8:54pm. There was no action taken as a result of Executive Session.

11. Adjourn

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There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Sandy Ferland made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Elwell  
Village Manager

***These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at a Regular Board Meeting on November 23, 2021.***