

DRAFT MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
February 14, 2023

Present: Sam Vaillancourt, Eli Gabuzda, Sandra Ferland, Heather Moore, Leonard Charron
Staff – John Dasaro, Abbey Miller
Guests – Ben Chiappinelli (NWTV), Jesse Bugbee

Meeting was called to order by Sam Vaillancourt at 6:00 PM

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda

There were two additions to the agenda, 4a. Youth Project with Heather Moore and 4b. FCIDC Letter of Recommendation

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Review/Approve Minutes January 24th, 2023.

A motion was made by Sandra Ferland to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous.

4. A – Youth Project, Heather Moore

Heather Moore recused herself as a Trustee and discussed an idea of a Community Art Center in Enosburg Falls based upon a survey that had been conducted with parents and students. At this time, there are grant funds available, but Heather would need a fiscal agent for the project and is asking the Village if that is an undertaking they would be willing to manage. The Trustees asked for more information pertaining to location, hours and programs offered and suggested not just focusing solely on art, but an overall community center keeping art programs as an option. Heather stated she would do some more work and present to the Trustees at a later date.

B - FCIDC Letter of Recommendation

FCIDC has requested a letter of support for a grant they are pursuing for Perley Block. The Trustees reviewed the first draft and would like more information before signing off. They have requested to see if Tim Smith or Elisabeth Nance would be available for the next meeting to discuss further before signing.

C – Abbey/Ken Trees for Lincoln Park Replacement

Director of Finance, Abbey Miller presented to the Trustees that Crew Leader Ken Laplant has brought it to our attention that over the last couple of years we have lost three trees in Lincoln Park, 2 flowering crab trees and a maple tree. The Trustees advised to replace the trees that we lost with the same trees in the same locations and to come up with a good maintenance/pruning plan for the new trees.

5. Elm Street Sidewalk Project

Village Manager John Dasaro provided an update on the Elm Street Sidewalk Project. As of this afternoon, John Dasaro advised that the State has approved the final design that was presented and is requiring a study to be done at the intersection of Sampsonville and Jay View Drive, but the project is moving forward and slated for completion before December 2024.

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6. Manager's Report

- I would like to Thank Abbey and Laurie for their efforts over the past couple of months. Working to ensure budgets were completed in a timely manner, working with each department to keep them on track, making for a smooth budget season. Also, our financial audit came back very positive with no concerns or items that the Village needs to adjust.
- Update on Vermont Healthy Communities interview – the interview went well, some of the folks we would be working with would be from out of state. It sounds like they have a lot of different project managers that can help in various ways. The support that Abbey and I felt we would like to see is with street scapes and ideas that maybe other cities or towns have across the country. We have been “accepted” for the grant and there is a follow up meeting.
- AMI Grant - The dollar amount (\$5 million to VPPSA) has been finalized, however there is no timeline on when the funds will be released, and the grant completed.

7. Other Business

Director of Finance Abbey Miller advised that Margo Longway, Director of the Recreation Department, was inquiring what documentation the Trustees would want if they hosted a fun run on Village Sidewalks. The Trustees advised that if they are using the park to submit an application and to lay out their route and traffic control plans as part of the application.

8. Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Negotiations in which Premature Public Knowledge May Compromise the Position of the Municipality.

Eli Gabuzda 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 Heather Moore. Unanimous.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:03pm.

Eli Gabuzda made a motion to re-enter the Board's Regular Meeting. Seconded by Heather Moore. The Board re-entered their Regular Meeting at 8:09pm.

There was no action taken as a result of Executive Session.

9. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Sandra Ferland made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Heather Moore. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbey Miller
Director of Finance

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