

**VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**May 23rd, 2023**

Present: Sam Vaillancourt, Sandra Ferland, Eli Gabuzda, Leonard Charron, Heather Moore @ 6:55pm  
Staff – John Dasaro, Abbey Miller

Guests – Ben Chiapinelli NWTV, David Tryhorne, Sally Tryhorne, David Gervais, Suzie Hull-Casavant, Chris Casavant, Rachel Lamoureux, Shirley Duso, Katherine Bennett, Tim Joyal and Matt with VASA

Meeting was called to order by Sam Vaillancourt at 6:32 PM

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda

The addition of Youth Center/Fiduciary Fund after #11 and VASA may be stopping in, will add in if they do arrive.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Review/Approve Regular Meeting Minutes May 9th, 2023.

A motion was made by Sandra Ferland to approve both sets of minutes as written. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

4. Final acceptance and signature of the modification of the park use permit.

A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the modifications and final draft of the Alcohol Use on Village Property ordinance. Seconded by Sandra Ferland. Unanimous.

5. NBRC Authorized Agent

A motion was made by Sandra Ferland to make John Dasaro the authorized agent for the Northern Borders Regional Commission grant. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous.

6. Allowing an exception to EBCA park permit for summer concert series.

A motion was made by Sandra Ferland to allow an exception to the Park Use Ordinance for the EBCA Summer Concert Series to follow the guidelines of the newly approved ordinance change and to follow all Vermont DLC guidelines. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous.

7. EFEDC Appointment

A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to appoint Sandra Ferland to the EFEDC Board. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

8. Katherine Bennett, painting of crosswalks around the school

Katherine Bennett was present on behalf of students at EFHS who after taking part in a survey have expressed an interest in doing more community outreach for school spirit. One suggestion is to add green paint on three of the sidewalks around the school, the crosswalk to the river trail, across Dickinson Avenue to the Ball Fields and the crosswalk connecting to CHCC. The students would also like to add artwork on the sidewalk on each side of these 3 crosswalks. A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to allow the students to move forward with the plan for these 3 crosswalks/sidewalks. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

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9. Review bid and estimate for the Railroad Museum Roof.

After discussion regarding the bids and hearing of the Historical Society's member vote to move forward with the standing seam roof estimate, a motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to allow the Historical Society to accept the NB Construction Standing Seam bid. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

10. Peoples Trust Review

A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve adding all the extended warranty options for the new plow truck and to modify the existing loan to allow for payment of the warranty with Peoples Trust Company. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

10A. VASA Request

Tim Joyal and Matt with VASA were present to start the discussion about allowing ATV's access to the Village to get fuel and to see if there could be an agreed upon route for ATVs to come down Water Tower Road and access Parkside Grill. The Trustees stated VASA would need to discuss crossing the State Road with the State for Parkside Access, and that they would be open to hearing proposed ideas for fuel access.

11. Vital Village, request to pursue the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian grant and sign the letter of support.

Village Manager John Dasaro presented a timeline of events to complete the infrastructure along Main Street and then to move forward with the Vital Village plan. Part of the plan for financing some of the infrastructure upgrades for Main Street would be exploring a Local Option Tax for the Village. At this time, a motion was made by Sandra Ferland to move forward with applying for the Vital Village grant. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.

11A. Youth Center, Heather Moore

Heather Moore advised that we were awarded an \$15,0000.00 grant to go towards the Youth Center. This grant is annual for three years with the amount adjusted down each year. There was discussion about the fiduciary account and what to do with the funds if the Youth Center is not successful. A motion was made by Sandra Ferland that if after 5 years the Youth Center is either not up and running or is not successful in its attempt, any unused funds will go towards community betterment. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous.

12. Manager's Report

- Cyber Security – we are making strides on developing a playbook that will consist of both IT, OT, and physical security.
- Water Meters, there are two separate, but similar projects that will require access to our water customers' basements. We will begin a campaign for this access starting with a June 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill insert. The two projects are 1. Inventory of the type of water line used for access to the house and 2. Initial review of meters in preparation of replacing the water meters with AMI meters.
- We are still waiting for confirmation, however the state maybe requiring an archaeologist to harrow the field for inspection at the solar field site. The original plan was to dig 30 test pits.

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13. Other Business

Suzie Hull-Casavant asked about the garbage ordinance in the Village and what needed to be done to enforce it as there are several properties that have an abundance of garbage on their property, and it is causing issues for neighbors.

Suzie Hull-Casavant also wanted to discuss the Village's plan for the settlement that was received from the Reservoir Road Property. The Trustees advised that this was going to be

discussed in Executive Session because it had just settled, and they had not discussed the plan moving forward.

14. Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Negotiations in which Premature Public Knowledge May Compromise the Position of the Municipality and for the discussion of a Personnel matter.

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 and for the discussion of a Personnel Matter. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:29pm.

Sandra Ferland made a motion to re-enter the Board's Regular Meeting. Seconded by Leonard Charron. The Board re-entered their Regular Meeting at 9:29pm.

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

15. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Eli Gabuzda made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Heather Moore. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbey Miller  
Director of Finance

***These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at a Regular Board Meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.***