

DRAFT MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
October 10, 2023

Present: Sam Vaillancourt, Heather Moore, Leonard Charron, Sandra Ferland and Eli Gabuzda

Staff – John Dasaro, Abbey Miller

Guests – Lauren Weston (FCNRCD), Jessica Louisos (SLR), Alex Marcucci (SLR), David Tryhorne, David Jackson, Roger Pigeon, Shawna Lovelette, Andre Jette, Susan Jette

Meeting was called to order by Sam Vaillancourt at 6:30 PM

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda

There were no modifications.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Review/Approve Regular Meeting Minutes September 26, 2023.

A change needs to be made under #10, changing not to now, a motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the minutes with the change. Seconded by Sandra Ferland. Unanimous.

4. FCNRCD to discuss final plans of Reservoir Dam removal.

Lauren Weston (FCNRCD), Jessica Louisos (SLR) and Alex Marcucci (SLR) were present to discuss their proposals/recommendation on what should happen with the Trout River Dam located behind the Village Wells on Reservoir Road. They gave an overview of the condition of the dam and stated that the hazard classification has been changed. Three options were presented to the Trustees for consideration and discussion centered around the cost of each option and the environmental impact of each option. Lauren Weston explained that the next steps would be to secure funding, and she emphasized that there would not be any cost to the Village. Once funding is received then they will start working on the final design, which the Trustees will have input in. Lauren stated if the Trustees would like to move forward with the removal of the dam, they would need a letter of support signed by the Board.

A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to accept and sign the letter of support for moving to the next steps of the dam removal process. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.

5. EBCA application for park use for Holiday Festival and Parade.

A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the Parks Use Permit, the Bandstand permit, the parade route for the Holiday festival and Parade on December 2nd, 2023, and to approve the purchase of more holiday lights for Lincoln Park (David Tryhorne to coordinate with Abbey Miller on the purchase). Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.

6. Approve for traditional half day on Christmas Eve, this year on 12/22.

A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve closing the office at 12 noon on Friday December 22nd, 2023. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.

7. Andre Jette and Water Tower Road Speeding

A few residents from Water Tower Road were present to discuss the continuing issue with speeding, citing that AG trucks seem to be the biggest issue. Neighbors stated that they have contacted the farmer who is responsible for the trucks on more than one occasion. The

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residents have also advised that they have contacted law enforcement at different times and offered the use of their driveway, but they felt more needed to be done. The Trustees advised the residents to continue to call law enforcement. After further discussion it was decided that the Village will pursue 2 sets of speed bumps in the 2024 budget for Water Tower Road.

8. Discuss the future of 17 Main Street.

Discussion was centered around what the future of 17 Main Street was going to look like. The Board of Trustees decided the best course of action would be to demolish and clean up the lot due to the extensive damage that the house has sustained. There is discussion to start looking into plans for a garage for the Wastewater Plant. The Trustees would like Brian Ovitt to start working on specs for the garage to meet their needs and pricing.

9. Peoples Trust Line of Credit

A motion was made by Sandra Ferland to approve the terms of the Line of Credit and to move forward opening the LOC for the Electric Department with Peoples Trust Company. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous.

10. Capital Projects

Abbey Miller presented the Trustees with a list of proposed capital projects for 2024. All items were discussed at length and the discussion will continue during budget preparation.

11. 525 W. Enosburg Road water service allocation request

A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the water service allocation for 525 W. Enosburg Road with the condition that the fees be paid within 2 years of the approval or prior to connection. Seconded by Sandra Ferland. Unanimous.

12. Manager's Report

- Sam and John attended the Town of Enosburgh Selectboard meeting to discuss the parking lot owned by the Town but is physically located in the Village.

13. Other Business

Eli Gabuzda asked about a water meter at 458 Orchard Street and if it could get put on a larger pole, there are some safety concerns for children.

Eli also stated he had people inquiring about the camper at the Lions Club Horse pull lot, John Dasaro explained there was permission for the camper to be there and explained the deal that was made to the Trustees.

Heather Moore advised that there is a new Civics Teacher at Enosburg HS and that she and John had the opportunity to speak with some students. They have also received 2 applications for the Youth Council so far.

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14. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Eli Gabuzda made a motion to adjourn. Seconded Sandra Ferland. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbey Miller
Director of Finance

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Trustees at a Regular Board Meeting.