

DRAFT MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
July 8th, 2025

Present: Eli Gabuzda, Heather Moore, Leonard Charron, David Gervais, Jason Longway

Staff – John Dasaro, Abbey Miller, Brian Ovitt

Guest – William Cribb (Northwest Access TV), Albert Desrochers, Brenda Desrochers, Dan Favreau, Maurice Parent, Brenda Stanley, Karen Jacobs, Gary Jacobs, Ray Ferland, Sally Tryhorne, David Tryhorne, Catherine Dimitruk, Pauline Fabreau, Pierrette Parent, Shawna Lovelette

The meeting was called to order by Eli Gabuzda at 6:30 PM

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda

Election of Vice-Chair was added to 1.5, Youth Center checking account to 3.5.

1.5 Election of a Vice Chair to the Village of Enosburg Falls Board of Trustees

A motion was made by David Gervais to nominate Heather Moore as Vice-Chair to the Board of Trustees. Second by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

2. Public Comment

Gary Jacobs was inquiring about the speed limit on West Berkshire Road, citing that there have been issues with excess speeders, but that they do not want a speed bump to be placed on West Berkshire Road. Residents asked for an update on where things stood with getting law enforcement back in Enosburg, the Board and Village Manager stated they knew the Town of Enosburgh was working on that issue but had not had a recent update. The Board asked John Dasaro to request a Selectboard member to be at our August meeting to provide and update on law enforcement in Enosburg.

David Tryhorne inquired about the amount of money left in the Christmas Light appropriation account, Abbey Miller advised there is \$618 currently and we will be adding another \$500 after property taxes are collected. David Tryhorne advised that they were changing the lights in the park this year and is requesting use of the funds and if the Village could purchase the lights now, fronting the \$500 until taxes are collected. A motion was made by Leonard Charron to have the Village purchase the lights now and front the \$500, with the EBCA paying any difference. Second by David Gervais. Unanimous.

3. Review/Approve Minutes for June 10th, 2025, Trustees Meeting

A motion was made by Heather Moore to approve the minutes as written. Second by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

3.5 Transferring Youth Center Balance and Closing the Peoples Trust Account

A motion was made by Leonard Charron to transfer the balance in the Peoples Trust Youth Center Account to the Youth Center and to close the account. Second by David Gervais. Unanimous.

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4. Emily from NRPC Regional Plan Use Map

Catherine Dimitruk from NRPC presented the Plan Use Map and reviewed the housing targets for the Enosburg Community. She advised that they had presented these documents to the Town of Enosburgh as well as they ultimately will sign off on the plan, with most of the impacted area being in the Village of Enosburg. She stated that they highly encourage the Village and Town working together on this map. The purpose of this is to allow for more housing to be created in the Enosburg area to align with the State's housing goals.

5. Brian from Wastewater – public outreach for CSO Guidance Document

Chief Wastewater Operator Brian Ovitt discussed the long term CSO plan and shared an overview of how the CSO work and the reasoning behind the guidance document.

6. Coin Drop request Cat Crusaders 7/12 10am, rain date 19th, set up near 454 Main

A motion was made by Heather Moore to approve the Cat Crusaders coin drop plans. Second by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

7. Enosburg Food Shelf Coin Drop Request for 8/30 at 9am

A motion was made by Jason Longway to approve the Food Shelf's coin drop plans. Second by Heather Moore. Unanimous.

8. Naming of the new park – some thoughts

John Dasaro shared some of the names provided by some students and Enosburg Elementary and that he has sent a request to get more students involved. A suggestion box was also discussed. At this time, it was decided to get more student and community involvement in the naming of the park, and the name will be decided on this fall.

9. Motion to approve LOC for NISC, AMI and Crack Repair

A motion was made by Leonard Charron to approve the Line of Credit with Peoples Trust Company in the amount of \$1,017,000 at a fixed rate of 2.25% for the NISC, AMI and crack repair projects. Second by Heather Moore. Unanimous.

10. Discuss the adoption of Governor's declaration of inclusion

After a lengthy discussion as to whether the Village of Enosburg Falls should adopt the Governor's declaration of inclusion a motion was made by Leonard Charron to decline adopting the statement of Inclusion. Second by David Gervais. The vote resulted in 4 declining the statement of Inclusion and 1 opposed to declining the statement of Inclusion.

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11. Follow up discussion ATVs in the Village

The discussion of opening of some Village roads for ATVs and UTVs to access the Village for fuel and the ability to stop at restaurants continued. There was a request for this issue to go before the public for a vote rather than the Trustees making the decision. The Board of Trustees agreed with that course of action and have requested that Village Manager John Dasaro work with the Village's attorney to draft an ordinance to review.

12. Manager's Minutes

- Update on sidewalk project, almost done (Elm Street)
- Update on sidewalk project, Pearl Street, decision with the Town.
- Billing system update, AMI integration of it all
- Policing – Sheriff reached out to discuss coverage

13. Other Business

- Shawna Lovelette with the EBCA provided an update to the Board of Trustees about the promotional video project.
- Karen Jacobs had expressed frustration about a late fee she received on her bill citing an issue with her bank and that being the cause of her late payment. When she spoke with Abbey Miller, Abbey advised that the Village does not waive late fees for anyone if the bill is not received in time, but that she would talk to the Board of Trustees. After discussing the scenario with the Board and advising that this has always been the practice here and that the finance office doesn't make exceptions to this, the Board advised that the Village would continue this practice and would not be waiving any late fees.

14. Executive Session: For the Purpose of Discussing 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. Second by Leonard Charron. Unanimous. The Board entered the Executive Session at 8:48 PM.

Heather Moore made a motion to re-enter the Board's Regular Meeting. Second David Gervais. The Board re-entered their Regular Meeting at 10:07pm.

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

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15. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time Heather Moore made a motion to adjourn. Second by Leonard Charron. The meeting was adjourned at 10:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbey Miller
Assistant Manager/Director of Finance

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