

VILLAGE TRUSTEE'S MEETING

February 8, 2016

Present:

Trustees: Gordon Smith, Walter Pomroy, Scott Meyer, David Goddette, Bob Sweetser by phone.

Others: Rosemary Audibert (Clerk)

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. Call to Order

Gordy called the meeting to order at 6.02 p.m.

2. Changes, additions to Proposed Agenda

- A. Email from Katie Orost
- B. Downtown Village Center Designation Map
- C. Solar Project
- D. Town ordinance for derelict housing

- A. Gordy stated he received an email from Katie Orost stating the Village is in violation of the open meeting law by not releasing the names of the candidates for the Village Manager position. Gordy contacted Sandy who stated that he believes the Village has complied with the open meeting law; Sandy also contacted the Village attorney on this matter. Walter stated that he also looked at the executive sessions statute where it clearly states that interviews can be held in executive session. Candidates were not active participants in the open session of the meeting only in the close session where no minutes are taken, so do not have to disclose this. Gordy stated that the candidates have asked that their names at this time not be disclosed. Board reviewed Gordy response to Katie and would like to add on legal advice the Village is in compliance with the open meeting law.
- B. Board reviewed the Village Center Designation map. There are several properties that have change from commercial to residential and the other way around. At a minimum those properties need to be change. Should also look into seeing if this can be expanded down Railroad Street further. To talk with Lea at the next board meeting on this.
- C. Solar Project – Lea is working with this for the Town, Selectboard looking for properties within the town or village for proposed sites. Would like to put this on the agenda for the March Board meeting. Would like to know what the Selectboard wants to do. Gordy stated that it may be too late for a Village project because there are developers out there that already have interested customers who would like to do projects. Developers knows which utilities have not met there 15% renewables and they are seeking projects.
- D. Scott stated that the town is looking into a derelict housing ordinance. Would like to know what's constitutes a derelict house as this could affect housing in the Village. Gordy to send an email to Eric for more information on this.
- E. Scott stated that he is also concerned about a sewer line extension down Route 15 if the industrial park project does not do though. Board to discuss this at the March Meeting.

3. **Executive Session:** David moved, Walter seconded to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters the premature disclosure of which would put the Village at a substantial disadvantage at 6:30. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:25 p.m. Walter moved to exist executive session, David seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Walter moved to adjourn, David seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Rosemary Audibert, Clerk

UNAPPROVED