

**Special Planning Meeting
Minutes
June 25, 2018**

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met on June 25, 2018 in the Board Room of the Community Center at 6 Academy Street in the Village of Greenwich to discuss both short-term and long-term planning for current and proposed Village projects. Present were Mayor Fuller and Trustees Edsforth, Vandewater and Robinson.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:10PM by introducing the purpose of this planning meeting as twofold: to discuss the status of current projects and continue the discussion of Village healthcare coverage as it relates to retirees. Mayor Fuller opened the discussion by pointing out the uneven reimbursement amounts that Medicare eligible retirees receive as well as extra administrative efforts on their behalf by the Village Office staff. This is on top of the \$75.00/ month the Village pays Jaeger and Flynn for administration on their end. The change in regular employee health insurance contribution going from half of the deductible to zero, may mean Jaeger and Flynn's monthly services are redundant. Retirees' spouse coverage was discussed. Mayor Fuller and the Board expressed open minds to future policy revisions. More discussion will follow with the input of Attorney Kelly.

Mayor Fuller continued the meeting with a list of current Village projects in development. Before discussion of specific projects, Mayor Fuller floated the idea of workshop meetings, with the objective of taking a deeper dive into topics before taking action at the regular board meeting. Holding these meetings on an as-needed basis was discussed.

Water Project - Mandated by a consent decree by the Department of Health. Barton & Loguidice is working on a long-term plan to fund, timetable and complete each specific benchmark. Trustee Vandewater suggested a joint meeting with Betty Little, Carrie Woerner and perhaps someone from the state assembly laying out our infrastructure projects, actions, costs and results. Perhaps we could generate interest/funding opportunities from these sources.

The Sewer Plant - Annual assessment came back as "marginal" due to the condition of the walkway. Trustee Vandewater has been in contact with Stonebridge in Gansevoort. They have a set of plans and will be in contact with Leo.

Streetscape - Adirondack / Glens Falls Transportation Council was awarded a grant to do a study of parking and traffic which will take place this summer. We are down to a choice of two engineering companies. The Streetscape work will not be done until after the water project is complete. It will hopefully include beautification such as; curbs, streetlights, crosswalks, pavers much like Stillwater and Fort Edward.

Village Hall Renovation - Task force has been active. A planning grant is needed. The Chazen Company has been contacted and should be getting back to the committee. A survey was held at Whipple City and the results will be discussed at the next meeting. Two examples of successful multi-use restorations are the old school in Schuylerville and the Armory in Hoosick Falls.

Beautification - Trustee Robinson would like some help with the village weeding. There is some question as to who is going to maintain the grounds work that the DPW crew did at the bridge. The bridge banners and the frames that hold them should be examined to assess why they blew off before more are ordered.

Elevator for Village - A topic that Mayor Fuller has been trying to get on Carrie Woerner's radar. Not a big project yet, still in the idea stage. Fire alarm system needed more and updated bids for cameras and fire alarm system to allow fuller use and higher occupancy of the third floor. Trustee Edsforth will ask Garson to follow up on bids needed.

Battenkill Access – The dock needs to be put back in. Two access signs; one where the turn is to Mill Hollow, the other on the opposing side of the street, visible to a visitor from Cambridge. A smaller third sign reading; “water access” with an arrow.

Energy Efficiency – Lights and electrical vehicle charging station. Mayor Fuller has been in touch with Jessica Waldorf from NYPA and has submitted the request from National Grid for the estimate. We are waiting for responses. NYPA will, hopefully, be doing the work on this.

Police Department - We would like to have a public referendum, which means we should start pulling the relevant spending numbers on this issue. Attorney Kelly recommends passing a resolution stating the intent to have a public referendum. He is working on a calendar for this exploration. Mayor Fuller’s intent is hold a public meeting to present the numbers and then hold a vote. Trustee Vandewater thought a meeting with Sheriff Murphy at the County would be a better option than having him come to the Village. He also expressed interest in hearing from Sargent Danko on his experience so far. Mayor Fuller would like to see more of a local presence, perhaps on bikes. Trustee Robinson agreed, added increased visibility on foot and in cars being important for residents to relate to. Sargent Danko has planned Youth Center visits and visits to the school in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM by a motion from Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling