

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**Monday, December 21, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Clarence Speed; Trustees Brian Johnson, Douglas Cropper, Debra Gitterman; Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Christine Speed and Tom Paino; present remotely via Zoom; Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons, Sally Baker; via phone Trustee Laurance Ostrander.

**MOTION:** to open the Special Meeting was made by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Cropper.

ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

The meeting started with Trustee Johnson proposing 2 questions.

#1 Does the Village want a coordinator to work as a liaison between the Climate Smart Group & PBInc. and the BOA Grant.

#2 Does the Village need a Climate Smart Task Force & coordinator?

The discussion started with Sally Baker stating that she doesn't feel that the Designated BOA is getting the recognition deserved. Trustee Gitterman spoke on diversity in leadership by having more individuals involved in the task force. She would like to see matching grants in conjunction with the BOA, and wants the Village served best. There was mention about double dipping w/ Local Champions and deliverables, as well as concern about a conflict with BOA and Climate Smart working together.

Tom Paino noted that Capitally Eligible funds are very hard to get. He would like to see a more formal group formed to deal with Carbon Emission reductions. Trustee Gitterman added that she would like to develop capacity and more grant leaders. Sally Baker believes there will be a conflict in funding if groups are formed other than the BOA.

Trustee Johnson doesn't see Tom Paino's work on Climate Smart as conflict. Tom Paino added that funding is different from that of the BOA. Sally Baker insisted that it has to be calibrated under 1 tent. She also believes that Summit Lake and its Watercourse will have a conflict for future funding.

Trustee Ostrander believes that decisions regarding future grants can be made at the Village level without conflict. The Board would designate which group would handle which grant. He would like a grant Coordinator for the task force, Trustees Johnson & Cropper both agreed.

Trustee Cropper would like the task force to be regulated by its own Bylaw's which would need to be established. The group could be called "The Climate Smart Community" or "The Energy Task Force", etc. The group would best be served with 5 members, including 1 chairperson, as well as Trustees Cropper and Ostrander as Board liaisons. After further discussion it was determined by the Village Board that the task force would be in the best interest of the Village and that no conflict would arise.

**MOTION:** To create a Climate Smart Task Force was made by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION:** To require all grant material to be presented to the Village Board a minimum of 30 days prior to the required submission date. No Board Motion or action will be made without this prior time to make a decision was made by Trustee Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ostrander.

ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION:** To close the Special Meeting was made by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Gitterman. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Speed  
Acting Clerk/Treasurer