

**Village of Fort Edward
Board of Trustees
Monday, June 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Traver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Trustee Williams, Trustee Boucher, Trustee Carpenter
Absent: Trustee Cutler

Present: Jeanie Mullen, Steve Davie, Donna LacQue, Heidi Wolfe, Kyle Cozzens, Mike Dickinson, Mark Levesque, Jeff Greene

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**Approval of Minutes from May 6 meeting**

**Motion by:** Trustee Williams  
**Seconded by:** Trustee Boucher  
All ayes. Motion carried.

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Approval of Reports – Clerk, Court, Code, Street, Sheriff’s Report, Water

Motion by: Trustee Carpenter
Seconded by: Trustee Williams
All ayes. Motion carried.

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**Audit of the Bills – Abstract 1**

**General - \$12,151.58**  
**Water - \$1,465.38**  
**Motion by:** Trustee Williams  
**Seconded by:** Trustee Carpenter  
All ayes. Motion carried.

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Summary

The meeting covered a wide range of topics including infrastructure projects, property maintenance, event planning, and community safety. Key discussions focused on replacing light poles, granting facility use permits, addressing resignations, nuisance abatement, waterline and tower projects, property maintenance responsibilities, snow plowing, crosswalks, camping on village property, and updates on various community projects.

New Business

1. Replacement of Light Poles on Bridge Street • RESOLUTION #1 of 2024-2025

Motion By Trustee Williams
Seconded By Trustee Carpenter
Dated June 3, 2024

WHEREAS, village residents have brought to the attention of the Village Board of Trustees poles in the village that are not safe and secure on Bridge Street on the bridge wall; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees approve replacing the light poles using account number #31538-82102; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Facility Use Permit for Little League Field • RESOLUTION #2 of 2024-2025

Motion By Trustee Williams
Seconded By Trustee Carpenter
Dated June 3, 2024

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby acknowledge receipt of the Facility Use Permit and supporting documentation from the 518 Guardians Baseball Team; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby grant the Youth Baseball, 12 and under, permission to use the Fort Edward Little League Field on Bradley Avenue in the Village of Fort Edward on August 3rd and August 4th, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately

TRUSTEE WILLIAMS AYE.

TRUSTEE CARPENTER AYE.

TRUSTEE BOUCHER NAY.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Resignations from the Planning Board • RESOLUTION #3 of 2024-2025

Motion By Trustee Carpenter
Seconded By Trustee Boucher
Dated June 3, 2024

WHEREAS, Tom Roche was appointed January 6, 2014 by Resolution # 38 of 2013-2014 as a member of the Planning Board and Amy St John was appointed September 5 2023 by Resolution # 5 of 2023-2024 as a member of the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby accept the resignation of Tom Roche and Amy St John and extends their appreciation to them for their service to the Village of Fort Edward; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this resignation is effective immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED

- Two planning board members resigned, prompting a discussion on accepting their resignations and seeking replacements.
- Clarification on the roles of planning and zoning board members and the process of appointing new members.

4. Nuisance Abatement for Beavers

- Discussion on revisiting the approach to nuisance abatement for beavers and other wildlife.
- Consideration of hiring a professional for trapping and maintenance to address the issue safely and effectively.

5. Updates on Waterline and Water Tower Projects

- Updates on the progress of the waterline project off Burgoyne Avenue and the water tower project.

- Delays in project approvals and concerns raised by residents about road conditions and water tower maintenance.

6. Property Maintenance Responsibilities

- Property owners are responsible for maintaining areas from the curb in.
- Concerns raised about the condition of grass patches, rocks, weeds, and sticks in these areas.

7. Snow Plowing and Street Maintenance

- Issues with snow plowing techniques and the impact on property conditions.
- Concerns about snowplows creating larger snow piles and affecting driveways.

8. Safety and Crosswalks

- Request for a crosswalk to Marion Street for safety, especially for children.
- Discussion on the importance of designated crossing areas to prevent accidents.

9. Infrastructure Challenges

- Concerns about water infrastructure and potential strain from industrial park development.
- Challenges with sewer system capacity and stormwater treatment in the area.

10. Events Update

- Successful event at Rogers Island Visitor Center commemorating the American Revolution's 250th anniversary.
- Plans for a significant French reenactment in September with potential economic benefits for the area.

11. Project Updates Progress on the kayak launch project, including permit applications and subcontractor arrangements.

- Discussion on a grant-funded building renovation project and potential marketing strategies for developers.

12. Camping on Village Property

- Discussion on allowing camping on village property, focusing on cyclists and potential regulations.
- Concerns raised about conflicts with other activities and the need for enforcement measures.

13. Sewer District Negotiations

- Mention of ongoing negotiations related to sewer district matters.
- Reference to emails from Stephanie regarding the urgency of resolving the issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janelle Rose,

Village Clerk-Treasurer