

Groton Village Board of Trustees Meeting
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Monday, September 21, 2020

6:45 pm

Present: Mayor Neville, Trustees Morey, Conger, Holl and Walpole, Nancy Niswender - Clerk-Treas/Admin, Charles Rankin, Admin., David A Herrick, TG Miller

Mayor Neville opened the meeting at 6:45pm

Pledge of allegiance.

Presentation from David A Herrick from T. G. Miller on Engineering Proposal

They have worked with several municipalities and would like to offer their services.

Mayor Neville inquired if they contracted with any other municipalities.

Town of Dryden, Town and Village of Lansing and Danby, Newfield, Caroline.

Mayor Neville made the following appointments:

Committees & Commissions

Chairman Board of Light Comm. (3yr) James Shurtleff

Board of Water Comm. (3 yr) Robert Walpole

Board of Police Comm. (3 yr) Co-Chairpersons, Michael Holl & Jean Morey)

Village Planning Board (5 yr) (Frank Hein, Chairperson)

Village Loan and Economic Development Committee (1 yr)

Elizabeth Conger, Mike Molino, Jean Morey, Karl Stamm, Ed Westlake, Thoma Development (Rep) , Charles Rankin-ex-officio, , Gary Watrous-ex-officio

Groton Healthcare Corp. (1 yr) Chris Neville-Pres., Elizabeth Conger-Vice Pres., Jean Morey– Sec/Treas.

Village Citizen Rep on Joint Rec Committee (1yr) – Jennifer Foote-Dean

Commissioner Chairpersons (all 1 yr terms)

Ambulance Commissioner Christopher Neville

Fire Commissioner - Christopher Neville

Light Commissioner - Christopher Neville

Park Commissioner – Terrance Walpole

Police Commissioner - Co. Commissioners- Michael Holl & Jean Morey

Sanitation [Sewer] Commissioner – Terrance Walpole

Street Commissioner – Mike Holl

Water Commissioner – Terrance Walpole

Youth Commission Rep – Jean Morey, Elizabeth Conger

Committee Chairpersons (all 1 yr terms)

Buildings & Grounds - Michael Holl

Code & Ordinance – Jean Morey, Elizabeth Conger

Dog Control – Jean Morey

Emergency Preparedness – Terrance Walpole

Finance – Christopher Neville, Elizabeth Conger

Joint Rec Committee Rep – Jean Morey, Elizabeth Conger

Memorial Bells - Elizabeth Conger

Planning Board Rep - Terrance Walpole

Sidewalks – Jean Morey

Technology Development - Michael Holl

Timber Harvest - Christopher Neville

TV Cable Franchise – Jean Morey

Village Planning Board – Frank Heine Chairperson

Other Appointments (all 1 yr except as noted)

Village Engineer - CT Male Assoc.
Village Engineer, Local (T.G. Miller, P.C.)
Village Attorney - Peter Grossman (& BGD)
Village Historian - Lee Shurtleff
Village Marriage Officer - Lee Shurtleff
Auditors - Inero & Co.

Trustee Holl made a motion to approve the appointments made by Mayor Neville, seconded by Trustee Walpole, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Neville made the following appointments (board approval not required).

Deputy Mayor - Elizabeth Conger
Alt. Deputy Mayor - Michael Holl
Budget Officer - Nancy Niswender

Trustee Conger made a motion that the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GROTON be designated the official depository for the official year, seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.

Trustee Holl made a motion that the GROTON INDEPENDENT be designated the official Village newspaper for the official year, seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion that the third Monday of each month (except February, which will be the third Tuesday) be designated as the official meeting night for the Board of Trustees, with meeting time of 6:30pm for audit and 7 pm for regular session, seconded by Trustee Holl, all in favor, carried. The meeting nights will be scheduled as follows:

Monday, October 19, 2020
Monday, November 16, 2020
Monday, December 21, 2020
Monday, January 18, 2021
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
Monday, March 15, 2021

Disclosure of possible conflicts of interest:

Trustee Morey – husband is the Town of Groton Rep on the Tompkins County Legislature.
PT Admin Charles Rankin - bookkeeper for Town of Groton
Trustee Conger Co-Chair Tompkins County of Government
Mayor Neville - Neville Farm - straw sales and possible land use.

The annual review of accounting and investment policies was performed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm

Nancy Niswender
Village Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator