

**PRELIMINARY MINUTES**

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**VILLAGE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**MONDAY MARCH 22, 2021**

**ZOOM ELECTRONIC MEETING:**

Village Trustees Public Informational Meeting March 22 @ 6:00 pm  
Time: Mar 22, 2021 at 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

David Rose, Chairman

Bob Brandt

Earl Washburn

**STAFF:**

Scott Murphy

Ulla Cook

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

George Abraham

Sharon Bixby

Ron Tarbell

Mary Barton

Alan Couch

Eric Chatterjee - OVTV

Ron Bixby

Chrissy Martino

Lisha Klaiber, Recording Sec.

1. **Call To Order**

- A. David Rose called the Public Informational Meeting for the Village of Ludlow to order at 6:00 p.m. He advised that guidelines for electronic meetings are being followed.
- B. Scott Murphy said this Public Informational meeting of the Village of Ludlow Board of Trustees is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Scott's Executive Order of 01-20 Act 92, Amendment #6, due to the current State of Emergency given the outbreak of the coronavirus.

“In order to mitigate the transmission of the virus and reduce the risk of COVID-19 illness, we have been advised and directed by the State of Vermont to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. There is no physical location for this meeting. All members of the Village of Ludlow Board of Trustees are able to participate remotely. ZOOM access address to this meeting as well as telephone access is listed in the warning, on the agenda and on the town website.”

- C. David Rose did a roll call of trustees  
Earl Washburn – here  
Bob Brandt – here  
David Rose noted that he is present.

2. **Consideration of any Changes, Additions or Removal to the Agenda**
  - A. Scott Murphy advised that no changes are needed. He reminded people that the budget or other articles cannot be changed at this meeting. This meeting is for information only. Voting will take place tomorrow, March 23, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at town hall.
  
3. **Review & Discuss Article 1:** *To elect Village Officers for the ensuing year.*
  - A. David Rose advised the following positions are on the ballot for tomorrow  
Moderator – one year  
Trustee – three year term  
Water Commissioner – three year term  
Water Commissioner – one year term  
Electric Light Commissioner – three year term
  - B. David Rose noted that there were no questions or comments.
  
4. **Review & Discuss Article 2:** *Shall the voters of the Village of Ludlow fix the salaries of the Village Trustees, Water Commission and Village Clerk the same as last year, Village Trustees \$1,000.00; Water Commission \$1,000.00, Village Clerk \$1,000.00?*
  - A. David Rose advised that the vote is to fix the following salaries, which are the same as last year:  
Village Trustees - \$1,000.00  
Water Commissioners - \$1,000.00  
Village Clerk - \$1,000.00
  - B. David Rose noted that there were no other questions or comments.
  - C. Scott Murphy advised that the salaries for similar positions in Brattleboro run up to \$10,000.00
  
5. **Review & Discuss Article 3:** *Shall the voters of the Village of Ludlow authorize the Board of Trustees to borrow money in anticipation of taxes or other income to meet the expenses of the Village and any part of its indebtedness?*
  - A. David Rose noted that this is only done when needed.
  - B. There were no questions or comments.
  
6. **Review & Discuss Article 4:** *Shall the Village of Ludlow collect taxes on Real Property in installments, taxes to be paid to the Town Treasurer on August 16, 2021, November 15, 2021, February 15, 2022 and May 16, 2022, and must be delivered to the Town Treasurer and postmarked on or before the due date?*
  - A. David Rose noted that there were no questions or comments.
  
7. **Review & Discuss Article 5:** *Shall the voters of the Village of Ludlow vote a specific amount in lieu of a rate on a dollar on the Grand List as set forth in the Board of Trustees' budget? Then the Trustees shall set the tax rate necessary to raise this amount after the Grand List has been completed and lodged in the office of the Village Clerk. The amount to be raised by taxes is \$330,386.00?*
  - A. David Rose advised that the vote on this will be tomorrow from by Australian Ballot
  - B. There were no questions or comments
  
8. **Review & Discuss Article 6:** *To transact any other business necessary and proper when met.*
  - A. Ulla Cook encouraged people to come out and vote tomorrow
  - B. David Rose noted that there no other questions or comments.

9. **Adjourn**

- A. David Rose advised that they have gone through all of the Articles and asked for further comments.
- B. There were no further comments
- C. **MOTION to adjourn by Bob Brandt and seconded by Earl Washburn. Motion passed unanimously.**
- D. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisha Klaiber

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David Rose, Chairman of Trustees

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Ulla Cook, Village Clerk

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Bob Brandt, Clerk

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Earl Washburn, Vice Chair

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Justice of the Peace