

PRELIMINARY MINUTES

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

VILLAGE ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY MARCH 25, 2025

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Julie Nicoll Julie Nicoll

STAFF:

Ulla Cook Brendan McNamara

MODERATOR:

Newton Rose

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ron Bixby	Andrea Goodman	Meredith Milliken
Sharon Bixby	Kathleen Grant	Judy Pullinen
Michelle Brandt	Melissa Ham-Ellis	Noah Schmidt
Alan Couch	Lorraine Hughes	Jean Strong
William Donohue	Lisha Klaiber	

The legal voters of the Village of Ludlow, County of Windsor, State of Vermont are notified and warned to meet at the Heald Auditorium in the Town Hall of Ludlow, VT on Tuesday the 25th day of March, 2025 between the hours of ten o'clock AM (10:00 AM) in the forenoon and seven o'clock, PM (7:00 PM) in the afternoon for Australian Ballot, and thereafter at seven o'clock, PM (7:00 PM) for the Annual Village Meeting to act on the following articles.

The legal voters of the Village of Ludlow are further notified that voter qualifications, registration and absentee voting relative to said Village Meeting shall be provided in Chapter 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, State of Vermont Statutes Annotated. You must be registered to vote in the Village of Ludlow in order to vote in order to vote at Village Meeting. Voters are encouraged to request an early/absentee ballot from the Village Clerk's Office by calling (802) 228-3232 or email treasurer@ludlow.vt.us

The legal voters of the Village of Ludlow are further notified that the Village of Ludlow Board of Trustees for the Village of Ludlow, VT will **not** hold a Public Informational Meeting for this year to discuss the Australian Ballot articles on the Village Meeting Warning as they are self-explanatory, and the proposed budget will be in your Ville Annual Report. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 802-228-2828 if you have any questions regarding any of the following articles:

Call To Order - Newton Rose opened the Village Meeting at 7:00 p.m. He asked Village Manager, Brendan McNamara to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. After the pledge, Mr. Rose asked for a moment of silence for those lost in the past year. He said that for Articles 2 through 6, Mr. McNamara will be allowed to participate in his role as Village Manager. He added that for Articles 2 through 6, he will read the Article and ask for a motion and a second. Once the motion has been made and seconded, he will call for any discussion on the motion. After that, he will call for a vote.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025 – AUSTRALIAN BALLOT – 10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM.

1. **Review & Discuss Article 1: To elect Village Officers for the ensuing year.**
 - A. Newton Rose advised that Article 1 has been done by Australian Ballot. Newton Rose noted that there were no questions or comments.

2. **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 \$2,000.00; Water Commission \$1,500.00, Village Clerk \$1,500.00?**
 - A. Newton Rose read Article 2
 - B. **MOTION by Noah Schmidt and seconded by Bill Donohue to approve forward with Article 2.**
 - C. There was no discussion
 - D. **THE MOTION WAS VOTED AND THE ARTICLE 2 WAS PASSED.**

3. **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. Newton Rose read Article 3.
 - B. **MOTION by Sharon Bixby and seconded by Andrea Goldman to approve Article 3.**
 - C. There was no discussion.
 - D. **Newton Rose called for a vote. Ayes have it. Article 3 was passed.**

4. **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 15, 2025, November 15, 2025, February 15, 2026 and May 16, 2026, and must be delivered to the Town Treasurer and postmarked on or before the due date?**
 - A. Newton Rose read Article 4
 - B. **MOTION by Ron Bixby and seconded by Bill Donohue to approve Article 4.**
 - C. There was no discussion.
 - D. **Newton Rose called for a vote. Ayes have it. Article 4 was passed.**

5. **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 \$404,211.00?**
 - A. **MOTION by Andrea Goldman and seconded by Ron Bixby to approve Article 5.**
 - B. Newton Rose noted that was no discussion
 - C. **THE MOTION WAS VOTED AND ARTICLE 5 WAS PASSED.**

6. **Review & Discuss Article 7: *To transact any other business necessary and proper when met.***
- A. Newton Rose said that no vote is necessary on this Article. He said that this is the portion of the meeting when people discuss things not on the agenda. These cannot be voted on. It is for discussion only.
 - B. Andrea Goldman asked when there would be a vote on the merger of the Town and Village.
 - C. Brendan McNamara said that they had hoped to have the vote tonight and at Town Meeting on March 3rd, but there were many things going on and they wanted to make sure everything was correct. The draft charter has been prepared. He said they hope that within the next 2 weeks, they will start holding public hearings and then take a vote. He said residents may ask for a copy of the draft charter.
 - D. Melissa Ham-Ellis asked if anything had been done about the housing issue and if the funding for the PA option has expired.
 - E. Brendan McNamara said he has not heard.
7. **Adjourn**
- A. Newton Rose advised that they have gone through all of the Articles and asked for further comments. There were no further comments
 - B. **MOTION to adjourn by Sharon Bixby and seconded by Noah Schmidt. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - C. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisha Klaiber

Newton Rose, Moderator

Ulla Cook, Village Clerk

BCA Member

2025 Village Voting Results - March 25, 2025

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u># VOTES</u>
MODERATOR	Newton J. Rose	57
TRUSTEE – 3 YEAR	Bob Brandt	54
ELECTIC LIGHT COMMISSIONER – 1 YEAR	Logan Nicoll	56
ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSIONER – 3 YEAR	Jean Strong	57
WATER COMMISSIONER – 3 YEAR	William “BJ” Donohue	55