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Minutes

Regular Meeting

Village of Manchester Board of Trustees

Monday, January 8, 2018

4:30 p.m., at the Village Offices, 45 Union Street

In Attendance: President, Brian Knight, Trustees, Jim Lewis and Bill Mariano; Clerk/Treasurer and Tax Collector, Julia Arvin; BOT Secretary Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Missy Bell-Johnson; Zoning Administrator, Eric Scott

Absent: Trustees, Andrea Ross, Tom Deck

Public: Richard Amore, State of Vermont Agency of Commerce, Catherine Bryars, BCRC, Richard Moore, Marian Haines, Anthony MacLaurin, Terry Findeisen, Jay Veneble

President Knight opened the meeting at 4:28 pm. Trustee Mariano motioned to approve the minutes for the last Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held December 5, 2017. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Richard Amore of the State of Vermont Agency on Commerce introduced himself and Catherine Bryars of the Bennington County Regional Commission. Introductions of all in attendance followed. Mr. Amore presented a comprehensive review of the state Village Center Designation Program and the Neighborhood Development Area Program. During and proceeding the presentation questions were asked and answered.

President Knight motioned to apply for Village Center Designation. The Trustees voted in favor.

Reports:

- 1. Roads and Trees (J. Lewis):** the cold weather is causing the use of salt to increase.
- 2. Treasurer/Tax Collector (J. Arvin):** taxes are 96% collected, 18 properties outstanding. We are a little ahead of previous years. Monthly statements are being mailed out. A property that is 5 years behind is going up for auction next week.

- 3. Administrative Officer (E. Scott) – Written Zoning Report; DRB and PC are working on the Bylaws. No new applications have been received.**

At 5:46 pm President Knight motioned to go into executive session to discuss possible appointments to the Development Review Board and Design Advisory Committee.

At 6:05 pm the Trustees came out of executive session. President Knight motioned to approve the recommendations made by the Development Review Board (DRB) and appoint Dana McCloskey to replace Al Michaels on the DRB (term expiring in 2019) and to appoint Aileen Aberth to replace Dana McCloskey on the Design Advisory Committee (term expiring 2018.)

There being no further business Trustee Lewis motioned to end the meeting. Trustee Mariano seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The meeting ended at 6:11 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Village of Manchester Board of Trustees will be at 4:30 pm on Monday, February 5, 2018.