



# Village of Manchester, Vermont

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## **Regular Meeting**

**Village of Manchester Board of Trustees**

**Monday, January 9, 2017**

**In Attendance:** President, Brian Knight; Trustees: Jim Lewis, Bill Mariano;  
Secretary/Assistant Clerk, Missy Bell-Johnson

**Absent:** Trustees: Andrea Ross; Tom Deck; Clerk/Treasurer & Tax Collector, Julia Arvin

**Public:** Richard Moore, Anthony MacLauren, Karen Walla

**President Knight called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:12 pm.**

**Trustee Lewis motioned to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held November 7, 2016. Bill Mariano seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

**Bill Mariano then motioned to readopt the Plan of Development as approved in Public Hearing. Jim Lewis seconded the motion and all voted in favor. President Knight asked that the readopted Plan of Development be posted to the Village of Manchester website.**

- **President's Update:**

- **The Village is involved in an appeal made to the Environmental Court regarding a resident's application for a new garage on Prospect. For the most part this is a matter between neighbors but there is also mention of inadequate notice of hearing. The Village is represented by A. Jay Kenlan, Esq. from Rutland. This was an unplanned event that will result in the Village being over budget for legal expenses this year.**
- **President Knight then asked for an update on the Right-of-Way project (ROW). Trustee Mariano stated that he, Tom Deck, Donald Brodie, Alan Mowrey and Orland Campbell as scheduled to meet to discuss the matter. President Knight mentioned that while this is not a Development Review Board matter, having the assistance and input from Mr. Brodie and Mr. Campbell is welcome and important to obtaining a better understanding and definition of the ROW in the Village.**
- **Police Patrol Update: The program is going well but it is costing money (approximately \$10,000.00/year. We are receiving payments from the state and Town and the program should eventually pay for itself. Village officials have been**

receiving positive feedback on the electronic speed signs which are working well. Parking tickets were also discussed. A comment was made about the effectiveness of the rocks placed on West Union Street by the Road Crew.

- The Town of Manchester is going to be placing solar panels near the end of Union Street and Richville Road. The Village is considered an “interested party”.
- **Reports:**
  - **Roads and Trees (J. Lewis):**
    - Salt usage is way up over last year.
    - Alan may be out due to health issues later this week. Kurt Bushee
    - We are very fortunate to have Alan and Adam working on our roads.
    - Some minor wear and tear on the equipment
  - **Treasurer/Tax Collector (J. Arvin):** written report submitted (on file)
  - **Administrative Officer (E. Scott) –** written report submitted (on file)
- **Other business;**
  - **Comments from the public were taken:**
    - The blue lights on the tree in front of the Equinox were discussed. There have been many negative comments.
    - A suggestion was made to increase/improve the winter holiday decorations in the Village in order to make our guests feel more welcome. President Knight mentioned that the expense was an issue and that having local businesses and residents privately fund the effort might be the best option. Having the residents voluntarily place decorative candle lights in the windows of homes was also discussed.
    - Ideas are needed to improve our area so that property values go up.
    - The challenge to bring good paying jobs to the area, finding and retaining properly trained employees and keep our young people in the State were also discussed.

There being no further business, Trustee Lewis motioned to end the meeting. Trustee Mariano seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 5:21 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Missy Bell-Johnson  
Secretary and Assistant Clerk**