



# Village of Manchester, Vermont

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## **Regular Meeting**

**Village of Manchester Board of Trustees**

**Monday, February 1, 2016**

**4:30 p.m., Village Offices**

**45 Union Street**

**In Attendance:** President, Brian Knight; Trustees Andrea Ross, Jim Lewis and Tom Deck; Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector, Julia Arvin; Guest/Visitor, Donald Brodie

**Absent:** Trustee, Tom Dyett

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

President Knight motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held January 4, 2016. Trustee Ross seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

## **President's Update:**

- President Knight commented on Donald Brodie's concern about the lack of white lines on West Road. Lines on the West Road have not been painted for at least 31 years. There is 1.27 miles of road each way that would be subject to such a project. The lines would need to be repainted every three years which makes the project rather costly. In addition, there have been no accidents due to the lack of lines and no strong public concern. For these reasons the Village will not take on this project.
- Donald Brodie's concern on the status of Welcome Letters to new Village residents and formation of a Welcome Committee was discussed. A letter and welcome packet will be going out to all new Village Residents as standard procedure from this point forward. Residents will also be directed to the Village web site.
- The Village has received a request of Rutland to join them, and other Vermont towns and cities on a Resolution on Renewable Energy. There has been an increase of municipality concern over the placement/siting of renewable energy projects. Currently we are waiting to

see if the Town adopts the current resolution or whether they create their own – either way we will partner with the Town on this issue.

- Section IV of the Village of Manchester Ordinances was discussed. President Knight asked the Trustees to take a look at the proposed changes and to provide input to Eric Scott who drafted the potential changes to the ordinance.
- Representatives from SolarFest were originally scheduled to update the Trustees about some concerns relating to the group's planned festival at the Southern Vermont Art Center this coming summer. They have postponed their presentation to the Trustee until the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 7, 2016.
- The revised Plan of Development was discussed. Karen Walla sent the plan to committee members and involved citizens. President Knight asked the Trustees to review the document as well and provide feedback to Eric Scott and/or Karen Walla. President Knight indicated this project needs to move forward quickly as there is still quite a bit to be done in order to have the plan finalized.

#### Reports:

- Roads and Trees (J. Lewis): None
- Treasurer/Tax Collector (J. Arvin): There have been no new property tax payments. Ten properties are still outstanding. The Fly Fishing Museum has filed their PILOT.
- Administrative Officer (E. Scott) – Written Zoning Report was distributed

#### Liquor License Renewals:

As no concerns were raised about renewing Freedom Hospitality/Inn at Manchester & the Ekwanok Country Club's liquor licenses, President Knight motioned to approve the licenses and Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the licenses were signed by all Trustees present.

#### Approval of Special Events Permits:

Orvis submitted its annual request for their Tent Sales. Trustee Ross motioned to approve the Special Event Permit and Trustee Deck seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

As there was no other business, Trustee Deck motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ross seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Missy Bell-Johnson  
Assistant Clerk