



Village of Manchester, Vermont

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Regular Meeting

**Village of Manchester Board of Trustees
Monday, February 6, 2017
4:30 p.m., Village Offices
45 Union Street**

In Attendance: President, Brian Knight; Trustees: Tom Deck and Bill Mariano;
Clerk/Treasurer and Tax Collector, Julia Arvin; Secretary/Assistant Clerk,
Missy Bell-Johnson

Absent: Trustees: Andrea Ross, Jim Lewis

Public: Mike Bailey, SolarFest; Naomi Bindman, SolarFest and Chic Murphy, Village
Resident

President Knight called the meeting order at 4:25 pm as all expected to attend were present.

Trustee Deck motioned to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held January 9, 2017, Trustee Mariano seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

The Application for a Special Event Permit for SolarFest 2017 was reviewed and discussed. Changes to this year's festival were presented. Village resident, Chic Murphy who had raised concerns last year voiced his current support for the event and asked to go on the record to say that there were no problems last year. At the end of the discussion, Trustee Deck motioned to approve the Special Event Permit and to approve directional signs to be placed in the right-of-way for a period 48 hours prior to the start of the festival (Wednesday, July 19th) until it SolarFest ends on Sunday, July 23, 2017. Trustee Mariano seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

The Assistant Clerk provided the Trustees with the following State of Vermont 2017 Liquor License Renewal Applications:

- Freedom Hospitality Corporation, d.b.a Inn at Manchester
- Art to Science, Ltd., d.b.a Wilburton Inn
- Ekwanok Country Club
- Route 7 Restaurant Associates of New England, Inc., d.b.a. Mulligan's of Manchester
- 3835 Main LLC, d.b.a Taconic/The Copper Grouse

Tom Deck motioned to approve all of the applications, Bill Mariano seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The licenses were signed by the Trustees and returned to the Assistant Clerk for mailing.

President Knight presented his monthly Update:

- President Knight recently met with John O’Keefe of the Town of Manchester to review the State paving project as it pertains to the Village in 2018. The Town has forwarded summer tourist concerns. The project will be coordinated with Alan Mowrey. It is a big undertaking but there will as little disruption as possible. The Town is requesting a three million dollar bond to update and replace water/sewer pipes and the hydrant system on Main Street, Taconic and Seminary Ave. All to be coordinated with the paving project.
- The right-of-way project was discussed.
- There are errors in the existing bylaws which need to be corrected. Eric Scott will coordinating the project.
- Concerns about the lack of a policy on sidewalk plowing were voiced. Jim Lewis and Alan Mowrey were asked to look into the matter.

The following reports were submitted:

- Treasurer/Tax Collector (J. Arvin):
 - i. Two delinquent property taxes were paid in the last month. We still have \$7,000 outstanding. Late notices continue to go out.
 - ii. Traffic study: We are down about \$5,200.00 but it is helping with speeding (which was the top complaint received at the Village Office in years past.) Speed signs are also helping.
 - iii. Salt purchases were discussed. The Village has about \$12,000.00 remaining in the budget at this time.
- Administrative Officer (E. Scott) – Written Zoning Report (submitted and on file)

2. Other business;

- A spring flooding seminar at Dana Thompson Park was mentioned.
- There was discussion of purchasing a digital speed warning sign.
- Tom Deck provided an update on the Hazard Mitigation project being completed by the Planning Commission with assistance from the BCRC.
- Status of the Bennington County Courthouse was discussed – nothing has changed
- The possibility of asking the County whether the Village can use the parking spots reserved for court officials was discussed. There is a definite need for more parking in the Village. The Secretary will draft a letter to the Judiciary.
- An option to have Wi-fi for visitors in the Village Office will be looked into by the Secretary.

As there was no need to go into Executive Session and no further business, President Knight motioned to end the meeting at 5:20 pm, Trustee Mariano seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

The next Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on March 6, 2017 at the Village Office at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Missy Bell-Johnson, Secretary