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**Regular Meeting, Village of Manchester Board of Trustees
Monday, September 10, 2018, 4:30 p.m., at the Bennington County Courthouse, 45 Union Street**

In Attendance: President, Brian Knight, Trustees: Tom Deck, Jim Lewis, Bill Mariano and Nina Mooney; Clerk/Tax Collector & Treasurer, Julia Arvin;

Public: Marian Haines, Robert Cooper, Louise Riviuccio, Marion Mueller, Fred Butler, Anthony MacLauren, Greg Skienyk (Manchester Journal), David Sischy

President Knight brought the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Trustee Deck motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from the August 6, 2018 as amended. Trustee Mariano seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

A request from residents of Village Glen (attached) regarding road maintenance was discussed and some of the steps necessary to obtain necessary information were identified. It was noted that the request should have come from the Village Glen Association and not the homeowners. Bill Mariano was asked to keep the Village Glen Association informed as the process continues. Louise Riviuccio raised the question as to the possibly of Equinox on the Battenkill having roads maintained in the same manner proposed by Village Glen. President Knight responded by saying the association could submit a request and it would be reviewed using similar criteria to the current review. A concern was raised that there would need to be a certification of the state road standards.

Discussion on the budget process continued from the August BOT meeting. Residents were encouraged to attend the budget meetings and raise any concerns at that time. Louise Riviuccio questioned the overtime budget and commented that her question regarding this line item at the 2018/18 Annual Meeting was not adequately answered. She also raised concern as to the amount of money being spent to maintain the sidewalks and stone walls and suggested that the residents adjacent be asked to share in this expense.

In Other Business, Marion Mueller pointed out some errors on the Village website, specifically the list of historic properties Julia Arvin took note of the properties and corrections will be made when appropriate.

Marian Hanes inquired as to when a Planning Commission meeting would be scheduled and asked how additional members were to be identified. The existing process was reviewed

Trustee Lewis provided the Road and Tree report and provided a review of the continuing changes on the Union Street intersection. President Knight requested that two of the recently approved Village speed warning signs be placed on Prospect Street. All were in favor.

Julia Arvin provided the Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collection reports.

At 5:20 pm, Trustee Deck motioned to go into executive session to continue discussion in regard to the request of a resident to seek PILOT payments from tax exempt organizations. Trustee Mariano seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

At 5:45 pm, the Trustees came out of executive session and reaffirmed their previous position that the Village of Manchester would not pursue the resident's request to seek PILOT payments from tax exempt organizations.

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 5:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Brian Knight
President, Village of Manchester**