

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Of the Village of Manchester

July 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Courthouse

Present: President Brian Knight, Trustees: Andrea Ross, Jim Lewis, Tom Deck, Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector Julia Arvin, Village Attorney Rob Woolmington, Village Accountant Ron Smith, Administrative Officer Eric Scott and Secretary/Assistant Clerk, Treasurer & Tax Collector Missy Bell-Johnson

Absent: Trustee Tom Dyett

President Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the 20 or so residents and taxpayers present. He then spoke briefly about the loss of Julie Hanes, a dedicated Village resident and member of the Development Review Board and Design Advisory Committee who passed away this year. Mr. Knight then introduced his fellow board members, Village Counsel, Village Accountant, Secretary/Assistant Clerk, Treasurer & Tax Collector and the Administrative Officer. He continued by mentioning that Trustee Tom Dyett was not going to continue with the Board of Trustees due to health reasons and he thanked Mr. Dyett for his assistance and support over the years he served on the board. President Knight then introduced Donald Brodie and Karen Walla and summarized their respective committee/board goals achieved over the last year. He also thanked the other members of the Development Review Board, Planning Commission and Design Review Board. He then spoke of Julia Arvin's responsibilities as Clerk/Treasurer and Tax Collector and thanked her for her work over the past year. President Knight then introduced Craig Powers as the chair of the Design Advisory Committee and spoke of the commendable job that committee was doing.

President Knight moved on to the Articles under the Warning:

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act upon the reports of the Village Officers and the Chair of the Development Review Board and Planning Commission.

Orland Campbell motioned to accept the reports as written and Charles Pufahl seconded the motion.

ARTICLE 2: To vote a specific sum of money to defray the expenses of the Village for the ensuing year, plus voted appropriations.

President Knight mentioned the need to raise taxes this year and in the future in order to complete several projects that have been delayed. The need to continue the special Village ambiance and to maintain the roadways properly was mentioned.

Orland Campbell questioned the Traffic Controlling line item on the budget. President Knight explained the need for the current traffic patrolling agreement with the Town of Manchester and indicated that while firm numbers were not available, that at least some of the cost of this program would be offset by revenue received from the State of Vermont from the traffic tickets issued.

Anthony MacLaurin questioned the board about the health budget. Julia Arvin explained that there are only two sources for health insurance in the state and while the

Village continually looks for ways to save money on this expense, these efforts can only go so far.

Mr. MacLaurin then questioned the maintenance of the rock walls and asked if they were necessary. President Knight explained that the rock walls and the marble sidewalks were part of the beauty of the Village and maintaining these unique aesthetic features can be costly.

Charles Pufahl motioned to approve the budget as presented. Amy Swinarton seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

ARTICLE 3: Julia Arvin moved to set the date that 2016/17 property taxes are due and payable as September 16, 2016 and to impose a penalty of 8% for delinquencies, and to charge the maximum state statutory rate of interest of 1% per month on all delinquent taxes for the first three months and 1 ½% per month thereafter. Government postmarks on due date are considered as timely payment of taxes. Orland Campbell seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

ARTICLE 4: Julia Arvin moved to authorize the Trustees to borrow in anticipation of taxes such sums as are necessary to finance the affairs of the Village. Orland Campbell seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

ARTICLE 5: President Knight proposed the following slate of officers for the ensuing year:

President (one-year term) – Brian Knight
Trustee (one year term to replaced Tom Dyett) – Bill Mariano
Trustee (two-year term) – Andrea Ross
Trustee (two-year term) – Jim Lewis

Auditors (one year term): Charles Pufahl
Ariel Rudiakov
Amy Swinarton

Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector (one year term): Julia Arvin

President Knight asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, Tom Deck motioned to close nominations and for the Clerk to cast one ballot for the slate as presented. Craig Powers seconded the motion and so voted.

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

There being no further comments or questions, President Knight motioned to end the meeting. Trustee Andrea Ross seconded and so voted.

The meeting ended at 7:33 p.m.

All officials present at the meeting were then sworn in by the Village Secretary, Missy Bell-Johnson