

Hectorville Bridge Committee
PO Box 356
Montgomery Center, VT 05471

Meeting of January 23rd, 2016
Lynn Locher's house at 400 Gibou Road
Unapproved Minutes

Present Members: Melissa Haberman, Joe Sherman, Merle Van Gieson, Sandy Bowman, Pat Farmer, Andre Labier, Jacob Rascusin, Lynn Locher

Jacob called the meeting to order at 10:12am.

1. Minutes: Pat motioned to approve the minutes, Lynn seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved
2. Treasurers Report:
 - Melissa moved to accept treasurer's report and Joe seconded. Unanimously approved
 - Discussed our budget highlights for the town report
3. Visitors: Sue Brassett/representative from N. Troy Wild & Scenic committee
4. Old Business
 - a. Communications:
 - I. Update on Ballad for the Bridge: Joe Sherman has communicated with John Nichols and is planning to meet with him. John is willing to compose a ballad and Joe will ask him to have it completed by the July 4th BBQ
 - II. Re-cap and review of the Montgomery Craft Show held on December 12th. The event was well attended and Lynn sold 17 tee shirts
 - III. Re-cap and review of status of tee shirts. We now have XXL sized shirts as they were requested. We have sufficient supply for the future fundraising events
 - IV. Update on meeting with Dubois & King onsite at St Onges. Pat and Lynn met with Eric Ohanian and Bob Durphy of Dubois & King. Darren Drevik came by and supplied flyers from the existing bridges. We were there from 10AM-3:30PM inspecting, measuring, photographing and documenting the condition of the bridge. It was estimated that approximately 50% was useable and 50% was too rotted for future use. St Onge had his crane operator actually lift sections for their inspection. They requested to see other bridges built by the Jewett Brothers so Lynn and Pat took them to the Comstock and Fuller bridges for inspection. They also inspected the former site of the Hectorville Bridge for measurement. They concluded that the Jewetts built all of the bridges the same, which they felt was helpful to their report. Since the Longley Bridge is slated to start repair in 2017, we are hoping that we could use some of the trusses from that bridge to restore the Hectorville Bridge. The Dubois & King report is due for completion by 2-15-16. Actions are now needed for a public/alternatives meeting. A representative from Dubois King will be there. Pat will get a date for this meeting and write up the public notice for the newspaper. Lynn will post in town as needed.

- V. Future fundraisers: We discussed several ideas such as a covered bridge festival/sugar-on-snow party (possibly at the old Baptist Church) or a pancake breakfast or an evening to speak about the town & bridge history (possibly with Penny Pillsbury). Merle advised that he will hold more Texas Holdem tournaments.

b. Select board Liaison: Mark Brouillette not present

5. New Business

- a. We need to get our bridge committee represented on the town website.
- b. Pat attended a meeting with one of Bernie Sanders representative at the town clerk's office on January 18th where it was discussed that there are available many types of funds for cities and towns
- c. On Thursday January 28th, there is a historic covered bridge committee meeting with V Trans in Montpelier. We all agreed that it is important that our bridge committee be represented. Pat and Merle will attend and report back to us
- d. Mechanism to generate new donation receipts. Merle requested all receipts /invoices be emailed to him with relevant details of purpose, date, amount, etc.
- e. Set time, date and place of next meeting
Saturday February 13th 10AM at Lynn Locher's house 400 Gibou Road

6. Adjourn: Pat made the motion to adjourn and Merle seconded it.
Unanimous meeting concluded at 11:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Locher-Secretary