HECTORVILLE BRIDGE COMMITTEE PO Box 356 Montgomery Ctr., VT. 05471 MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2017, 10:00AM Lynn Locher's House 400 Gibou Rd

- Meeting called to order by Lynn Locher at 10:20 am, with her self, Jacob Racusin, Andre LeBier, Pat Farmer, Merle Van Gieson, and Titus Henry Presler in attendance. Pat motioned to approve January 22 minutes, Merle seconded with reminder to secretary not to omit of vote counts; all agreed; minutes approved unanimously.
- 2. Treasurer's Report: Andre moved, Lynn seconded approval of Treasurer's report, with total of \$3,149.81 raised thus far for Hectorville Bridge; report approved unanimously.
- 3. Recognition of Visitors: none
- 4. Business:
- i. Update on letter reception from Town residents & review of committee report to Town Mtg.: Jacob and Pat reported their responses from residents, which at time of meeting amounted to two people, albeit both supportive; recognition by all that public solicitation of support at Town Meeting for residents willing to help with new fundraising phase of campaign critical. Jacob offered and solicited talking points from committee members: all agreed on the basics: that committee engaged two avenues toward bridge erection, one to include state funding, one local, the former of which roughly doubled the financial of town, so turned to local-private funding and building; that willing and eager residents are needed, ideally a few of whom would have fundraising expertise, but not required; that the state-funded route would result in an approximate price tag of \$570,000 of which town residents would be burdened with approximately \$270,000, while local estimates would cost town roughly half that amount: ie \$135,000 or less; hence, again, the drive for the local fundraising campaign.
- ii. Update on Go Fund Me website and funds transfer: Jacob will follow-up on final financial processing piece to transfer funds out of Go Fund Me account and dissolve it.
- iii. Update on Fundraising prospects: Joe Sherman absent for birth of child, so his lead on a fundraiser to be discussed at next meeting; Lynn mentioned her approaching Montgomery Historical Society to discuss / gage interest there in bridge campaign.
- iv. No other business.
- v. Set date, time and place of next meeting: unanimously agreed that a future "doodle" poll would best set next meeting, at which time Town residents will be duly warned by secretary.

5. Meeting Adjourned 11:15pm.