

**Hectorville Bridge Committee**  
**PO Box 356**  
**Montgomery Center, VT 05471**

Meeting of February 13th, 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, Lynn Locher

Sandy called the meeting to order at 10:20am.

- Minutes: Merle motioned to approve the minutes, Andre seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved
- Treasurers Report:
  - Merle will amend the report to remove the Dubois & King invoice of \$9,240.61. Therefore, our treasurers report will only reflect the income/expenses and donations of the HBC
  - Sandy moved to accept treasurer's report and Joe seconded. Unanimously approved
- Visitors: none
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> BBQ (no change from last meeting and report)
    - II. Update on Alternative meeting with Dubois & King scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at the PSB at 6:30PM. Sandy, Pat and Lynn will attend and take notes for the VTrans project manager Tina Bohl. Lynn and Sandy have posted notices around town and Pat has placed the notice in the County Courier for the past few weeks
    - III. Representation of our committee on the Montgomery Town website. We tried to locate the HBC committee on the town's website but could not find it. We need to follow-up. Merle will attend the next Select Board meeting to discuss this matter. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, Lynn submitted all minutes from our meetings held from August '15 to date as per Deanna's instruction. We could not locate them on the town website as of 2/13/16
    - IV. Update on meeting with Historic Covered Bridge Committee (Vtrans) in Montpelier. Merle and Pat attended this meeting in Montpelier. We were one of four bridges to be presented to the committee. Dubois & King did a presentation. They liked our proposal, however, they do not want to use the timbers from the restoration of the Longley Bridge. They suggested that we use native hemlock. We have a conditional offer of hemlock from a private source (donation). When we get project approval, St Onge will move the bridge from storage at no charge. Some of the existing bridge material, while not useable in the reconstruction, may be saleable; to be determined

- V. Future fundraisers: Merle advised that he will hold 3 Texas Holdem tournaments in 2016. We discussed several other ideas including a dinner at the Grange, dance with live music and repeat of Bike Challenge (to be called Bike Tour in the future)

b. Select board Liaison: Mark Brouillette not present

5. New Business

- a. Jacob and Merle will address any questions presented to us at town meeting.
- b. Pat attended a meeting with one of Bernie Sanders representative at the town clerk's office on January 18<sup>th</sup> where it was discussed that there are available many types of funds for cities and towns. A list of websites was offered to Pat for potential grant money. These need to be investigated.
- c. Set time, date and place of next meeting  
Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> 10AM at Lynn Locher's house 400 Gibou Road

6. Adjourn: Sandy made the motion to adjourn and Pat seconded it.  
Unanimous meeting concluded at 12:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Locher-Secretary