

**Minutes Halifax Community Club Meeting on January 15, 2018
Copeland, 1581 Hanson Road, Halifax VT**

Present: Laurel Copeland (Pres 2017, Clerk), Gretchen Becker (VP 2017), Joan Courser (2015), Bonnie Brown (2017), Art Copeland, Lynda Copeland, Edie Fenton, Marilyn Allen, Linda Lyon
Absent: Penfield Chester, Julia Copeland, Mary Horne, Linda Huebner, John Kirk (Treasurer 2016), Dorie Mirucki, Heidi Schmitt, Mary Thome

MEETING CONVENED 6:46 PM

1. **Meeting Minutes** from November - approved
2. **Annual Meeting with Trustee Meeting immediately following** (BYLAWS: "In the event that the annual meeting shall fail to take place at the time so designated through oversight or otherwise, a subsequent meeting may be held to be designated as the postponed annual meeting and any business transacted or elections held at such postponed meeting shall be as valid as if transacted or held at the annual meeting...At least one trustee shall be elected at each annual meeting for a three (3) year term ...All officers shall hold their office until the next annual meeting of the body electing them or until their successors have been duly elected"
 - a. Election of the Clerk to replace Laurel Copeland (Annual Meeting)
 - b. Election of Trustee to whose term expires 2018 (Trustee Meeting) – Joan Courser
 - c. Establish the annual membership fee - \$5 voted in. Linda, Edie, Bonnie, Gretchen, Marilyn and Art, Lynda, Laurel and Heidi & Julia paid dues; 3 paid \$7 for newsletter (Art, Marilyn, Laurel).
3. **Treasurer's Report** -- The bank balance as of year end 2017 was \$19,638.87. To this has been added a very generous anonymous gift of \$4,000 for the insulation of the Hall. We are very grateful to the donor and now can work to complete the project. Additional hall rental from Senior Solutions brings the current balance to \$14,263.89. OVERVIEW: Based on 2016 and 2017, we make about \$6-7,000 per year and spend about \$5-6,000, giving HCC about \$1,500 each year for planning future projects. We spend about \$1,500 on propane, \$1,000 on insurance, \$1,000 on electricity, \$500-\$1000 on maintenance and the rest on miscellaneous and earn \$2,000 from the town of Halifax, \$1,500 in donations, \$1,700 on ice cream, \$1,000 on Hall rentals and \$800 from tai chi/yoga.
 - a. **Treasurer's Report** – vote to accept failed as the numbers seem to require revision.
 - b. **Post-meeting updated Treasurer's Report:** The end of year balance was \$19,638.87. The \$4,000 donation was subsequent to year end. The current balance is **\$24,263.87**.
4. **December meeting at New England House** – 7 members enjoyed a lively dinner.
5. **Halifax Community maintenance 5-year plan** – Subcommittee formed by Marilyn Allen and Linda Lyon to expand the list of maintenance tasks (routine & large-scale), estimate their costs, schedule it out, and report back to the HCC. The Subcommittee will propose to raise funds for specific large-scale projects now that we have 501(c)3 status. Members include Marilyn, Linda L, John, and Laurel.

Septic Tank – Priority #1: get estimates (Laurel will call Chuck Fornier in Whitingham or Jim Herrick or Bonnie’s person in NH or guy in Westminster; put in smallest plastic)

Insulation, first the NORTH wall then other walls (\$10k) and floor (\$8k) – Priority #2: Laurel talked to 3 persons at SEVCA.org other than Nate (802-722-4575 or Joan has his cell) and was told a new project can be set up in April 2018. Laurel will try again to reach Nate who previously inspected the Hall. Ask whether biggest impact is floor vs wall. What can we do for our money?

Paint the West Wall – Priority #3 (Joan will provide name & number to Laurel)

Wash the windows – Priority #4 (Laurel got names & estimate; awaiting spring)

Put up a sign to turn on the fans when the heat is on (Agreed this is the usual thing)

Need to change a light bulb in the Hall; the ladder is in the firehouse (Joan)

Where the school got their plastic lunch tables – might be BJ’s (Joan)

6. New Business

- a. **Article about Hall Murals – proposed: frame and hang in the Hall** – all were in favor of this. Update: Gretchen brought the newsletter in question in a frame; HCC will add glass.
- b. **Stephen** is prepared to donate the picnic table with dark wood benches to Hall. The oldest picnic table needs a small repair. Could be nice to have the seating for ice cream socials and potlucks. Storage – outside only. Linda L has a mega-tarp she can donate.
- c. **Potluck after mud season** – yes! Mail to donors, FPF notice, etc. Saturday April 28.
- d. **Dennis Onear on Pennel Hill** went to Puerto Rico; will give a talk. Joan will have him pick a date. We have the screen. Can borrow projector from Library; Kristine will help do outreach.
- e. **Turner Lewis** veterinarian up on the hill...can present on the Iditarod.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:45 pm at 1518 Hanson Road
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