

HCC Annual Meeting Minutes April 3, 2025

Attendees: Bonnie Brown (Trustee 2023), Gretchen Becker (VP, Trustee 2023), John Kirk (Treasurer, Trustee 2022), Laurel Copeland (Pres, Clerk, Trustee 2023), Bettye Roberts, Mark Halverson, Cassie McLaren, Francisco Cabas, Marilyn Allen, Linda Lyon, Andrea Underwood Jones, Gary Rand, David Jones, Liz Moore, Mia Joiner-Moore, Diana Conway, Edee Edwards, Nancy McCrae.

Convened at 6:32 pm

1. **Treasurer's Report** – John emailed reports to all members prior to the meeting. The 2024 numbers are good; 2025 numbers are incomplete. Bank balance is \$22,000. The HCC raised more money this past year compared to 2023, about \$15k, in addition to the \$15k ARPA funds. Some details are: insurance refund \$600, over \$500 from ice cream. Expenses were higher as expected now the Hall is in use year-round. Electric expenditures increased in 2024; propane also increased. HCC were awarded \$15,000 in ARPA funds, and we spent about \$18,000 (and enjoyed a lot of volunteer labor!). Plant swap generated more money in 2024 than in earlier years and included proceeds from food.

2. **Election of Trustees for terms ending in 2025** –John Kirk (Treasurer, Trustee 2022) and Joan Courser (Trustee 2022) were unanimously voted in for another 3-year term, the latter in absentia. Laurel Copeland was elected as Clerk.

3. 5th annual Edie Fenton plant swap 5/24/2025, 9-1 at the Hall – Bonnie will need volunteers to dig up plants 1-2 days before the Plant Swap. Laurel & Liz volunteered for 5/22. Linda L will handle the media; Diana C & Francisco will help post flyers. LL would like photos of past Plant Swaps.

4. Cafe schedule – Should we bring Thursday back once the heat is unneeded? Ask people what they want. Schedule a few special events. The Historical Society story time was wonderful. Diana C provided a list of ideas. Bettye described her jewelry crafting idea that will start this Saturday April 5.

5. Cafe events – Linda L will do the publicity in FPF, Commons, etc.

Scheduled events:

- Bekka's music jam Sat., **April 19, June 21** with ice cream wagon
- Edie Fenton Memorial Plant Swap, Sat., **May 24**, 9am-1pm
- Clam Bake Sat., **Aug. 2** (Cafe closed)
- Old Home Week, Wed **Sep 17-Sun Sep 21**
- Craft classes & mending monthly on Saturdays (Bettye)

Suggested Events:

- Yoga classes in warm months
- Gardening Workshops – different speakers, companion plants, Bonnie slide show
- Tech support – add a Hall computer & printer (LL has a printer; BR has a computer)
- Dennis Annear has info on a grant to hire a tech trainer
- Library used to co-sponsor events & put them on their fb page
- Cassie described J'ville Sr Meal which is drawing 30-40 people Tue & Thu
- COW and pig scraps can be composted from Senior Meal as well as Café; Laurel will help Bettye set this up again.
- Plant repotting workshop, library services from Whitingham Free Public Library (Mark is our liaison), movie night ? Mark will find out whether we can show a movie.
- Cemetery Commission work & repairs

6. Ice Cream Wagon events — volunteers Cassie, Bettye, Mark, Gary, Laurel. **Needs tires.**

7. Food share - cupboard at TO; container garden at Hall (herbs, tomatoes, peppers)? Pollinator garden? Deerfield Valley Lions (Mark) gave us \$100 for the food share. **LL will ask Patty Dow; someone (Mark?) will talk to Cara about leaving more food in the PO.**

8. Dues — optional \$5/year dues are welcome; 13 people paid on the spot.

9. Garland stove in Hall kitchen – leaks gas, has 4 pilots burning all the time, has 6 burners but small oven box. Cannot be vented properly. Gary endorsed keeping the stove as it's a professional stove and would cost a great deal to replace. Bonnie suggested opening the window to vent the kitchen. The lack of bigger oven still an issue which a portable oven might address.

Adjourned at 7:40 pm.

There was insufficient time for the Annual Trustees Meeting to install officers; this shall be done in the near future.

Next regular meeting: N/A; meetings will continue on an as-needed basis.