

Meeting Minutes for Halifax Community Club Meeting on June 12, 2017
1581 Hanson Road, Halifax VT

Trustees: Laurel Copeland (Pres, Clerk), Gretchen Becker (VP)

Members: Bonnie Brown, Art Copeland, Lynda Copeland, Edie Fenton, Linda Lyon, Marilyn Allen

Unable to attend: John Kirk (Treas & Trustee), Mary Horne, Penfield Chester, Julie Copeland, Linda Huebner, Dorie Mirucki (Trustee), Joan Courser (Trustee), Heidi Schmitt

Meeting convened 6:48PM.

1. Treasurer's Report:

- a. On Jun 10, 2017, at 3:13 PM, John Kirk <ibitinobi@hotmail.com> wrote, Here is the Treasurer's Report: Halifax Community Club's profit and loss statement for June 10, reflects a net balance of \$14,131.58. In the past month we paid Suburban Propane \$225.30, Green Mountain Power \$94.56, and a local vendor \$74.75 for the plaque for the memorial picnic table, and \$21.39 for a milk shake machine. We had income of \$100 from Tai Chi and Yoga. We expect heating costs to abate and income from ice cream sales to bolster the next month's report.
 - b. Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.
- 2. Potluck on Sunday June 4th – A round of applause for Bonnie Brown!** John Kirk wrote, "Glad to see that the potluck went well. I got one letter of regret from someone on Jacksonville Stage Road who had a last-minute conflict, but otherwise would have been there and thought it was a great idea."
- a. Ideas to get more Villagers?
 - b. Cook the meal for folks? Who would do the work? Some don't like to pay.
 - c. Wording on FPF initial announcement seemed directed to newcomers. 2nd notice on FPF did not have all the details.
 - d. There was a competing event at the same time / just before at the School. Need to find out about conflicts in advance.
 - e. Have more potlucks? Have a bonfire? Diane Todd used to have New Year's Eve bonfire up on the corner of Butterfield & Hatch School Roads.
 - f. One attendee thought it would be fun to have it monthly, but attendance is likely to fall off as it becomes routine. 2-3x/year might be good. A Winter Potluck & a Summer Potluck. How about an event with slide presentation and travel stories.
- 3. Memorial Picnic Table** –Joan ordered and took delivery on the picnic table. 6'x6', edges rounded, center umbrella hole, spruce, pressure-treated legs, attached benches: \$385 (+\$50 delivery?). Joan ordered and received the plaque, In Memory of Charlene Martynowski. John Kirk donated polyurethane; Joan Courser applied the coatings. Connie Lancaster the historian of Saxons River VT donated an umbrella. Rest of funds: pad, security chain, **decorative tree**. Concrete pad with bolt & chain would secure the table. Hard to mow around more obstacles.
- 4. Memorial for Charlene** - Linda Combs is buying purple cloth for the Cupcake Memorial event, scheduled for Sunday, August 6, 2017, 2-4 PM. Date & time have been confirmed with Robert Martynowski. Laurel will ask Linda Combs what else HCC can do to help.
- 5. Halifax Writers & Artists** – on display in the beautiful Vermont welcome center – take Route 5 or come north on I-91. This center gets 600,000 visitors annually. The artists connected over the quarry issue – and that's where the potluck idea came from, too. Go visit the Visitors Center!
- 6. Chris Parkins computer consultant** – will give a presentation on Wednesday July 19th. 7 pm in the Halifax Community Hall. Could be the 1st in a series – 2nd presentation could be the Ashcrofts, if

they are willing. Poster? Laurel can do this. Gretchen will handle the press releases and announcements. Chris' website: <http://www.catamountcats.com/> ... Or should we coordinate with Whitingham Library? They have a wall thing on the June 21st about stone walls.

7. **Directory of Halifax Businesses** – Robbin Gabriel put up the information; Laurel proofread it. We can have some informal copies at the Potluck and Town Clerk if Patricia Dow OK's it. URL: <https://halifaxvermont.com/about/community/halifax-business-services/> . Hard to find – maybe ask to switch menu name “About” with menu item name “Community” so “Community” is the menu item visible on the face page.
8. **Halifax Community Hall maintenance (Joan's List).**
 - a. Everett *might* take care dead flies on Tai Chi Wednesdays!
 - b. Laurel put plants in the barrels and is keeping up with the watering & weed.
 - c. Porch benches need to be scraped & painted after you take the commemorative plaque off very carefully. No paint spills on porch. Okay to spill paint on grass. Where are the other 2 benches – in the shed? Yes. Door is sticky. ** NEED VOLUNTEER
 - d. Other tasks on Joan's List are available for volunteers. Laurel will include the PDF with these minutes and put them on her document storage website, <http://czresearch.com/halifax>
 - e. Linda L will work on October appeal from Laurel, mention new tax-deductible status Y needs.
 - f. Linda L suggested making a Maintenance Schedule & Budget with age of water heater / projected life, insulation needs (walls & floor), needed upgrades. SEVCA – walls \$10k, floor \$8k?
9. **Can we run yoga tapes during the summer hiatus in Gentle Yoga?**
10. **Names of New Residents from Patricia Dow** – Bonnie returned the 5-year list.
11. **501c3 Status** –Hard & e-copies are available for those making purchases on behalf of HCC.
 - a. Donations are now tax-deductible as of 4/12/2017
 - b. A trifold could be made or a fold-over / flyer with a tear-off donation form
 - c. Try SEVCA for additional capital improvements to Hall.
12. **New Business:**
 - a. **Meetings target 1 hour in length - max.**
 - b. **Can we cut down the bush by the Hall kitchen? It has lovely pink blossoms when it flowers. It's a flowering plum or almond per Liz Hull – Edie will talk to John. It's very aggressive. How to constrain it? Bonnie will look up what it needs to flower.**

Meeting adjourned 7:44 PM.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, August 14, 2017

Calendar of 2017 HCC Events:

Jul 1, 1st Saturday of July – Firemen's Auction

Jul 10, 2nd Monday – Laurel is out of town – monthly meetings not always needed -- HCC 2017 Regular Meeting is CANCELED.

Jul 15, 3rd Saturday of July – Rowe Old Home Day (orange pineapple ice cream required!) – Joan, Edie, John, Laurel if needed

Jul 19, Wednesday - Chris Parkins, Halifax computer consultant, presentation in the Hall at 7:00 pm

Aug 5, 1st Saturday of August – Halifax Clam Bake

Aug 14, 2nd Monday – HCC 2017 Regular Meeting at 6:45 pm

Sep 11, 2nd Monday – HCC 2017 Regular Meeting at 6:45 pm

Oct 9, 2nd Monday – HCC 2017 Regular Meeting at 6:45 pm

Nov 13, 2nd Monday – HCC 2017 Regular Meeting at 6:45 pm

Dec 11, 2nd Monday – HCC 2017 Regular Meeting at 6:45 pm