

**Minutes of the Halifax Community Club Meeting on May 14, 2018
Copeland, 1581 Hanson Road, Halifax VT**

Present: Laurel Copeland (Pres 2017, Clerk), Gretchen Becker (VP 2017), John Kirk (Treasurer), Joan Courser (Trustee 2015), Bonnie Brown (Trustee 2017), Art Copeland, Lynda Copeland, Edie Fenton, Marilyn Allen, Linda Lyon, Penfield Chester

Unable to attend: Julia Copeland, Mary Horne, Dorie Mirucki, Heidi Schmitt, Mary Thome

MEETING CONVENED 6:45 PM

1. **Meeting Minutes** from January –accepted
2. **Treasurer’s Report (John)** – The current balance in the checking account is \$26,090.91. Approximate costs are \$50/month for electricity, \$600 for propane this winter (heat is now off), \$1089 insurance. Capital expenditures include \$890 for a 500-gallon poly septic tank to be picked up soon.
 - a. **Treasurer’s Report** –accepted
3. **New Business**
 - a. **Community Phone Book** – proposal to sell ads to support a listing of community members who want to be included with any contact information they may want including Name, physical address, mail address, email address. A single snail-mail outreach solicits listings. Examples from 2 communities were reviewed and admired. Each letter of the alphabet shows listings of the contributed names, and each ends with some blank space for write-ins. The HCC members were in favor of supporting the costs of the mail-out and printing. See next item (3.b.) for a proposed 2nd section on resources. Businesses could comprise a 3rd section. **ACTION ITEM:** Penfield will find out how much the printing costs using 3 colors of paper might be. **(Penfield)**
 - b. **Starting a "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Project** (or another version of "Guilford Cares") – the proposal to develop a community resource to share durable medical equipment or other items, food, services, and so on led to the decision to include the information in a separate “Community Resources” section in the Community Phone Book, perhaps on pink paper to make it easy to find. **(Penfield)**
 - c. **Appreciation Dinner for Halifax Road Crew** – proposal presented by Lynda C. Members thought the fall might be a good time to do this. **(Lynda)**
 - d. **Foot Care By Nurses Clinic In West Halifax** – proposal & report: the nurse who was coordinating the foot clinic quit. Several calls from Dorie to the organization have gone unanswered. Laurel cannot be the point person to re-organize the event. The proposal is therefore on hold. Edie will call SASH to find out what kind of foot care SASH can offer. **(Dorie / Laurel)**
 - e. **Brattleboro group that leads contradances for \$400** – this would be a potential community event. It was unclear that this could raise money for the HCC.
 - f. **Breakfast Benefit for Halifax Fire Department on May 5 report** – netted \$671. The “Hunters’ Special” from 5-8 am was not well attended (n=3) but the main event was. **(Joan & John)**
 - g. **Breakfast Benefit for the Hall Insulation Project** on March 24 report – netted \$681. **(Joan & John)**
4. **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. **(Marilyn, Linda L, John, and Laurel)**

Priority #1: Septic Tank – a 500-gallon poly tank was purchased and picked up from EJ Prescott in Chesterfield NH ([603-256-6466](tel:603-256-6466)). The tank was about 5' in every direction and hard to fit in a pickup truck. Wayne managed the installation. **DONE!**

Priority #2: Insulation – under the floor (was \$8k); NORTH wall then other walls (\$10k) – After SEVCA.org said they could not help us, Laurel solicited bid from local contractors. Adam Buursma (Green Foam Insolutions of Jacksonville) will do the job for \$3636 this summer. Next: Walls! **(Laurel)**

Priority #3: Paint the West Wall → All Walls – Momaney Painters have been engaged to scrape, prime, and repaint the entire exterior for \$19,000. The HCC and the Copelands will share the cost. **(Laurel)**

Priority #4: Wash the windows – awaiting spring – need to call **(Laurel)**

Priority #5: Rewire the 5 lights in the main room. Rewire the kitchen to improve safety and better utilize the available 100-amp service. **(Laurel but looking for help to make calls)**

5. Old Business

- a. **Music Event** – Joan is waiting for a date for the Snake Mountain bluegrass group.
- b. **Article about Hall Murals – proposed: frame and hang in the Hall** – all were in favor of this. Update: Linda's frames weren't right, so she put the article on the stage in the hall, and no one is sure where it went. It will be sought.
- c. **Stephen** is prepared to donate the picnic table with dark wood benches to Hall. The oldest picnic table needs 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. **Status:** Brian Greene has begun work repairing the old table, so Stephen's generous offer of another table was refused, but it was noted that the school could use a picnic table. The table given in memory of Charlene Martinowski needs another coat of polyurethane, and **volunteers are needed** to do that paint job.
- d. **Potluck after mud season** – yes! Mail to donors, FPF notice, etc. Saturday June 23. 5 PM-7PM. **Assign tasks & discuss timeline of activities. (Bonnie)**
- e. **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; Christine will help do outreach. **Status: Members** agreed it was a nice idea for the fall or winter, with a jar for donations toward heat. **(Joan)**
- f. **Turner Lewis** veterinarian up on the hill...can present on the Iditarod. Status: no point person yet. **(??)**

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, June 18, 2018 at 6:45 pm at 1581 Hanson Road

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:45.