

Minutes of the Halifax Community Club Meeting on June 18, 2018
Copeland, 1581 Hanson Road, Halifax VT

Present: Laurel Copeland (Pres 2017, Clerk), Gretchen Becker (VP 2017), Bonnie Brown (Trustee 2017), Art Copeland, Lynda Copeland, Edie Fenton

Unable to attend: John Kirk (Treasurer), Joan Courser (Trustee 2015), Marilyn Allen, Linda Lyon, Penfield Chester, Julia Copeland, Mary Horne, Dorie Mirucki, Heidi Schmitt, Mary Thome

MEETING CONVENED 6:51 PM

1. **Meeting Minutes** from May – accepted with 1 abstention (B Brown)
2. **Treasurer’s Report (John via email)** – The current balance in the checking account is \$26,751.58. We received gifts in memory of Bernice and Clayton Barnett of well over \$600 after holding memorial lunches for each. We also received a very nice note from Clayton’s daughter thanking us for the lunches and the many kindnesses, remarking that their passings mark the end of an era in Halifax history. In the past month, had a new septic tank put in (thanks to Wayne and Joan for their work). The tank cost \$869.90 plus \$171.59 for ancillary costs (pump out old tank, etc.). Anticipate spending \$400 to renovate kitchen [see updates below]. Two sets of ice cream sellers will be active on July 7th at the Fireman’s Auction and Rowe Old Home Day.
 - a. **Treasurer’s Report** – accepted
3. **New Business**
 - a. **Breakfast Benefit for Breakfasts & Suppers Gang** – B&S proposes to host the next breakfast to benefit themselves so as to reduce the need to solicit food and money donations ahead of each Breakfast. The next one will be Saturday, June 30 8-10:30 AM. The B&S Gang propose to donate 10% of proceeds from every Benefit Breakfast after this next one, with the exception of 1 breakfast per year when they will keep the proceeds.
 - b. **HCC** formally thanked the Copelands for funding the repainting of the Hall this summer. 😊 (**Gretchen**)
 - c. **Hall Kitchen Renovation** – Jason Ashcroft offered to install new cabinets in the kitchen. He has 3 units that are 48” each plus a 10-foot countertop to cut to size. He and Joan and Bonnie and Laurel met to discuss options on June 11th. Bonnie took measurements and is working on a movable, scaled model. Jason suggested taking out the wall between the kitchen and foyer so the range could be pivoted 90-degrees, putting it in line with the cabinets & grilltop along the west wall (between front door and kitchen door). A lengthy discussion elicited varied views and general agreement that any renovation will be a compromise of each person’s preferences. Laurel noted that Tina Blaise should be asked for her input as she is a regular cook in the Hall (in addition to Joan and Jason) and is much shorter than Jason.
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: Wash the windows –need to call Shine-Thru who did the old Dover church which has similar storms (**Laurel**)

Priority #2: Rewire the 5 lights in the main room. Joan got 1 estimate that was “very expensive”; details to follow when Joan returns from NJ. Rewire the kitchen to improve safety and better utilize the available 100-amp service. POSSIBLE ELECTRICIANS: Swan Electric, Dompier, Lockie’s guy, Brian Green. (**Laurel / Art will make some calls**)

Priority #3: Insulation – NORTH wall then other walls (\$10k) – waiting for next summer (**Laurel**)

Old 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!**

Old Priority #2: Insulation under the floor will be done by Adam Buursma (Green Foam Insolutions of Jacksonville) for \$3636 this summer. (**Laurel**)

Old Priority #3: Paint the Walls – Momaney Painters have been engaged to scrape, prime, and repaint the entire exterior for \$19,000. (**Laurel**)

5. Old Business

- a. **Foot Care By Nurses Clinic In West Halifax** –Edie will called and learned that FCBN has clinics in Jacksonville. When she told Dorie, Dorie replied that the West Halifax event has been reinstated. The HCC members were opposed to underwriting this clinic, so Laurel wrote a note to Dorie clarifying that HCC will not pay FCBN if there are no-shows. The members read the note and felt it was clear. (**Dorie**)
- b. **Potluck after mud season** – yes! Bonnie sent email to many about 3 weeks ago. She has done the planning including the advertising plan which includes emails, FPF notice, Flyers, etc. All are invited to the **Potluck on Saturday June 23. 5 PM-7PM.** (**Bonnie**)
- c. **Community Phone Book** – No Update 6/18. 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**)
- d. **Starting a "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Project** (or another version of "Guilford Cares") – No Update 6/18. The proposal community resources that share durable medical equipment, food, services, and so on will be included in a separate “Community Resources” section in the Community Phone Book, perhaps on pink paper to make it easy to find. (**Penfield**)

- e. **Appreciation Dinner for Halifax Road Crew** – proposal presented by Lynda C. Members thought the fall might be a good time to do this. **(Lynda)**
- f. **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. 6/18 Update: Art made a suggestion during the discussion of this item that HCC collect \$10/person in advance (perhaps as checks) and only engage the group after \$400 had been raised. If \$400 could not be raised, the money could be returned / checks left uncashed.
- g. **Music Event** – Joan is waiting for a date for the Snake Mountain bluegrass group.
- h. **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. 6/18 Update: Edit recalled giving it to Joan at the Hall. Laurel recalled taking a photo of the article.
- i. **Picnic Tables**: Brian Greene has begun work repairing the old table but went to Hawaii for 2 weeks after their son’s wedding over Memorial Day weekend. Edie Fenton applied a much-needed coat of polyurethane to the HCC table given in memory of Charlene Martinowski down at the Hall.
- j. **Dennis Onear on Pennel Hill – No Update 6/18**. Dennis O 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)**
- k. **Turner Lewis** veterinarian up on the hill...can present on the Iditarod. Status: no point person yet. No Update 6/18. **(??)**

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, July 9, 2018 at 6:45 pm at 1581 Hanson Road

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:46.