

## Minutes of the Halifax Community Club Meeting on June 3, 2019

### Lynda Copeland's, 1581 Hanson Road, Halifax VT

**Attending:** Gretchen Becker (VP, Trustee 2017), John Kirk (Treasurer, Trustee 2019), Laurel Copeland (Pres, Clerk, Trustee 2017), Joan Courser (Trustee 2018), Bonnie Brown (Trustee 2017), Lynda Copeland, Linda Lyon, Heidi Schmitt.

**Absent:** Andrea Rand, Edie Fenton, Gary Rand, Marilyn Allen, Penfield Chester, Jason Ashcroft, Diana Conway, Nancy McCrea, Julia Copeland.

NB: Trustees are elected for 3-year terms; year of election is noted in parentheses.

#### REGULAR MEETING CONVENED at 6:50 PM

1. **Meeting Minutes** from May – voted to approve.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – The balance in the checking account is \$9610.42 after paying the electric bill of about \$55 and adding contributions from tai chi and the Irish Supper. **(John)**
3. **New Business**
  - a. **Use of the Hall for an Emergency Shelter** – Peggy Rafus, Halifax Emergency Management Coordinator, was planning to attend but did not. HCC previously discussed this idea at the April HCC meeting in the Hall. Bonnie proposed drafting a letter outlining HCC concerns in the areas of septic capacity, potable water, showers, communications (WiFi and telephone), and power (generator). **Update:** Joan received a message from Peggy that she was not prepared to answer HCC questions about the use of the Hall but would welcome a written list of questions for Red Cross to address.
  - b. **Resilient Roads and Watersheds** – there will be an event open to all on June 13, 2019, 6-8 PM, in the Halifax Community Hall (20 Brook Road, West Halifax). **Come discuss the problem of water runoff and possible alternative solutions.** The discussion will be about the Vermont requirement to build steep drainage ditches lined with a certain kind of stone to manage excess runoff along our roads. Our road crew is required to do this so that our town continues to receive state funds. **Please help get the word out about this event! (Bonnie)**
  - c. **Breakfast before the Firemen's Auction on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>** – the proposal generated much discussion. Although this has been done before, and is typically a money-maker, it was agreed that we do not have the personnel to organize an early breakfast on July 6. An alternative idea would be to sell coffee and baked goods on that morning prior to the auction. Bonnie, Laurel, and Lynda had volunteered to bring watermelon, potato casseroles, and sausage but only the melon might work on a to-go basis. The ice cream wagon will be on site selling ice cream. **(Bonnie & Laurel)**
4. **Old Business**
  - a. **Ice Cream Wagon:** Seeking volunteers to clean the wagon before first event on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Joan and Linda will coordinate on a date; Laurel can help after June 17<sup>th</sup>. **(Joan & Linda)**

- b. Fundraising** – Breakfast at the Hall: Lynda called and emailed Jason Ashcroft but he has not responded. She will keep at it until she gets his attention. It works best if we give him a date. HCC needs to decide on a date in July. The 6<sup>th</sup> is the Firemen’s Auction, and we do not have enough people to put on breakfast that morning. The 13<sup>th</sup> is a good idea depending on the Rowe Fireworks at Pelham Lake State Park in MA. Last year the event was reduced to evening only, which was great for us in our HCC Ice Cream Wagon. We went down after the Firemen’s Auction was over and had a fruitful evening. Joan will find out when the Rowe Fireworks are this year. **(Lynda & Joan)**
- c. Irish Supper on May 18<sup>th</sup>** was a great success. About 50 attendees, great music, and lots of food. The donation can brought in \$112.
- d. Fundraising** – We are waiting to hear from the I-91-N Southeastern Vermont Welcome Center regarding our coffee service / fundraising date. The Welcome Center assigns the date (hours: 7am-9pm). The guidelines for hosting a Motorist Aid Refreshment Break located at a link on this page: [http://informationcenter.vermont.gov/centers/guilford/safety\\_break](http://informationcenter.vermont.gov/centers/guilford/safety_break). **(Laurel)**
- e. Community Phone Book** – Penfield and Laurel will work on it.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 7:50 PM**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING (usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays): Monday, July 8, 2019**