

Minutes of the Halifax Community Club Meeting on July 11, 2022

Lynda Copeland's, 1581 Hanson Road, Halifax VT

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Members: Gretchen Becker (VP, Trustee 2020), John Kirk (Treasurer, Trustee 2019), Laurel Copeland (Pres, Clerk, Trustee 2020), Bonnie Brown (Trustee 2020), Joan Courser (Trustee 2018), Lynda Copeland, Gary Rand, Andrea Rand.

Unable to attend: Marilyn Allen, Penfield Chester, Jason Ashcroft, Linda Lyon.

NB: Trustees are elected for 3-year terms; year of election is noted in parentheses. Clerk is elected annually by the membership. Bylaws:

<https://czresearch.com/halifax/BYLAWSOFTHEHALIFAXCOMMUNITYCLUBINC.pdf>

ANNUAL MEETING (Postponed) CONVENED at 6:39 PM

1. Meeting Minutes from November 2020 –approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – HCC has a positive balance of \$18,042.34 at Brattleboro Savings and Loan. Significant transactions in the last month included costs of \$67.69 to Green Mountain Power, \$478.36 for ice cream, supplies and renewal of the trailer license, receipts of \$500 for this year's ice cream sales. **(John Kirk, treasurer)**

2. New Business

a. Vote on Trustees with expired terms – Joan's term has expired; John's will expire at the end of 2022. HCC members voted to continue them both as trustees for three-year terms.

b. Vote on Clerk (occurs annually) – Laurel was elected to serve as clerk again.

c. Hall Generator – As of 7/2/2022 the town has added our funding request to potential ARPA projects. Powers Generators wants a signed contract and \$6,396 deposit on a total cost of \$12,792 + \$783 for 10-year extended manufacturer's warranty to schedule us in (approx. September). At the last Select Board meeting, someone commented that the town should get free use of the Hall if they pay for the generator. That would not be acceptable to the HCC, and the town would not be paying for the generator anyway (ARPA funds are not from town of Halifax taxpayers). AR recommended that HCC iron out the details of who pays for the extra propane. JK noted that power outages will frequently occur when the Town does not want to use the Hall, so those costs would be ours. BB noted that the HCC may want to have the generator during outages to protect the Hall.

* ACTION ITEM: The HCC needs to know how much propane is burned annually to test the generator, and also

* ACTION ITEM: an estimate of how much to run it for 24 hours (during an outage). BB proposed charging a cost per day for use of the Hall as a warming center. For input on how a warming center is run, ask Paul Blaise or EMD of another town such as Wilmington.

d. Who Would Run the Hall as a Warming Center? – HCC members can drop by the Hall during an actual emergency to see that the Hall is being well taken care of. HCC volunteers would advise on how to run the coffee machine and stove, etc.

* ACTION ITEM: It would be good to have instructions written up (coffee brewers, other).

e. Hall Maintenance – review list and priorities: water! Filtration back in 2017 was estimated at \$3000 including dry well to receive the flush-out every 3 days. GR described another type of acid-neutralizing system. BB suggested splitting supply, so toilets don't get filtered water.

f. Building our membership. How to do this? How to retain membership? More community events? Joint fundraiser with HHS? Members can help with activities. Does the membership fee help, or should it be raised?

* ACTION ITEM: AR and LC will get together re joint fundraiser HHS/HCC

g. Meetings – options & preferences: monthly/bimonthly in summer plus one or two dinners.

* ACTION ITEM: a volunteer is needed to plan the next dinner get-together

h. Developing a budget for annual operations as well as projecting out expected needs for maintenance, appliances, etc. **(postponed)**

i. Bringing internet to the Hall so that it can be a Wi-Fi hotspot for the community. Internet at the Hall would be a safety feature, allowing people to make calls on their cell phones in the event of an emergency. A consideration before deciding about internet at the Hall is whether the Club could absorb the ongoing monthly payments for service. **(postponed)**

j. Trustees – make decisions on purchases <\$3500 **(postponed)**

3. Old Business

a. Ice Cream Wagon –

i. If wagon breaks down, HCC will stop selling ice cream if repairs exceed net income. JC thinks the freezer is too big and we have too many flavors. JC and Wayne always get the ice cream from Greenfield, tow the wagon, check on the wagon every day. JC will no longer do the ice cream events. GB volunteered he could take over the towing if Wayne wants to stop.

ii. Halifax Firemen's Auction July 2, 2022 (Joan, Wayne, Laurel); Wardsboro July 4, 2022 (Joan, Wayne, Laurel); Jacksonville Blueberry Festival, July 29, 2022 (Joan, John, Wayne, Laurel); Halifax Firemen's Clam Bake August 6, 2022 (Joan, Betty Dann, Leslie Monroe, Wayne, Laurel).

b. Edie Fenton Plant Swap – not discussed.

c. Other – none.

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ANNUAL TRUSTEE MEETING (Postponed) CONVENES

- i. Elections – Vote to install President, Vice President, and Treasurer (occurs annually): John was re-elected Treasurer, Gretchen was re-elected VP, Laurel was re-elected President.
- ii. Other – none.

4. MEETING ADJOURNED 7:40 PM

NEXT REGULAR MEETING (usually 2nd Mondays): TBD