

September 18, 2007 Minutes
Warner Business Association

In attendance: Ginger Marsh, Marc Violette, Chris Daniels, Dan & Mary Watts, Jim Mitchell, Maryann Plass, Christa Katz

1. June, 2007 meeting minutes were approved.
2. Treasurers report by Ginger: \$4197.46 total account of which \$2033 is in a 17 month CD, \$566 went to the Beautification Fund, and \$1309 is in the checking account.
3. Ginger reported that she received call questioning a \$350 check written to Market Basket in 2002 that was never cashed. Market Basket is returning the check to the WBA.
4. Laura Buono emailed updates to Ginger:
 - Business recycling—trying to get businesses interested in recycling. How to do it? Through emails? work through the WBA?
 - Budget Committee -- meeting on 10/15/07 where the operating budget will be presented for 2008
 - Zoning - this is the time of year residents can petition the town for changes in rulings and ordinances. 1st day is 11/12 and last day is 12/12/07.
 - The next Blood Drive is set for November 28.
5. Marc Violette spoke about the Kearsarge Community Center:
 - the lease for the building did get signed (\$1 lease)
 - Outing Club has the new part of the gym. The floor was renovated recently.
 - the old building will be used by the KCC
 - the stage will be ripped up and renovated so theater productions can be held there
 - Eric Paulsen has done the architectural designs there
 - KCC is looking to raise \$3.5 million
 - the building will be utilized well and should turn a profit at some point in the future
6. Ginger Marsh said she's been to the ballfields and they have been cleaned up pretty well considering the vandalism that was done there.
7. Ginger addressed Christa of the Indian Museum and asked if they are considering moving out of the old Perkins building. Christa advised they have a 1 yr. lease which is up in October and they are still deciding. Christa said the owners of the building have not followed through on some of their timelines, which is something that is of concern. (ex - opening restaurant) Christa advised the museum may also be getting a statewide collection of archaeological items.
8. Jim Mitchell advised that the illustrator for the Fun with Dick and Jane books will be at Main Street Bookends on Friday, September 21. Also, Yankee Magazine is filming next week for the area businesses. If you want to have a 5-6 minutes spot with Jim (on Sept. 28), call him.
9. Festival of Trees - an organizational meeting was discussed and will be held on October 16 at 6:30 pm. The Preview Party is scheduled for December 8. Community setup will be the Tues., Wed., and Thurs. before. Poinsettias is the theme this year. Colleen will be doing the catering again. Printing tickets and letters to businesses will be discussed at the 10/16 meeting. Ginger advised the WBA will reimburse Dan & Mary Watts for some of the printing costs this year. Start drumming up donations for door prizes!
10. Marc Violette discussed the TDS issue where the Public Utilities Commission published a law which seemed to have caused an uproar as people misconstrued it to mean that TDS will have a rate hike. Marc explained that a public utility is allowed to earn a certain percent each year and if it's exceeded, then the PUC does an audit. "Relaxed regulation" was proposed and TDS wants to try this. It is based on competition. TDS wants to be able to react to any type of competition that comes into the area. The plan for TDS is not to increase the rates. (The law states rate increase cannot increase 10% over a 4 year period). This is a way for TDS to compete.