

Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce

August 18, 2009, Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Marc Violette Laura French Rhonda Rood
 Maryann Plass Chris Daniels Patricia Long
 Laura Buono Kay Steen

- 1 – Motion was made to approve last month's minutes – all were in favor.
- 2 – Laura French advised Kearsarge Connection and the Retailers Group will have their own separate bank accounts.
- 3 – No treasurer's report was provided to us today.
- 4 – Chris Daniels reported that Ginger Marsh was contacted by Kearsarge Magazine (Diane Taylor) and she asked Chris to handle. They want to do an article about the Festival of Trees and the deadline is asap. Chris said if anyone had any important information to be included to please send it to her via email so she could put it together for the article. Chris would like to be cc'd if emails are sent directly to Diane Taylor instead of being channeled through her. It was then decided that Chris Daniels should get the email first and then forward appropriately.
- 5 – Laura French reported that NH To Do Magazine is doing an article in October about Warner. They offer a special advertising rate if a town is featured. Someone from the magazine will be coming soon to interview people. Marc asked if we would like to be visible in a 1/12 ad costing \$88 in this magazine. Motion was made to approve and all were in favor of doing the ad. We would coordinate the graphic design with Dan Watts (not here). Magazine comes out Oct. 15.
- 6 – The sub-committee meeting notes were reviewed and discussed. Marc also said we need to have a budget and establish a presence. Laura French said we will also have an article in the next issue of the Kearsarge Connection newsletter. The KC is also going to spotlight a business each issue. The sub-committee is working towards having all business completed by 12/1 so it can be announced at the preview party.
- 7 – Marc announced that Ginger Marsh did some research about the WBA and it is not a 501 – 3C.
- 8 - Pat Long gave an update on Exit 9 property and advised an auction took place whereby an investment company bought it for \$1.1 million.
- 9 – Laura Buono gave us an update on town business:
 - the budget process started – meetings are held once a month and the goal is to level the fund or come in under. Something that will help the budget this year is the reduced price of fuel costs this year. There may be a big expense coming up regarding the removal of the wood ash at the recycling center – it was determined thru testing that the ash is a hazardous waste due to whatever was burned in it over the past years.
 - prison help was here this past summer. They did some street cleaning, worked on the fields, and built a shed
 - the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) meetings are coming up – there will be three of them
 - Connors Mill Bridge will be opening soon (it was a 3 month project)
 - a meeting with residents on Hartshorn Lane will take place next week. The Town has always taken care of the road even though it is not a town maintained road. The issue is do the residents form an association and take care of the road themselves, or, have the town take it over in which case some of the residents may lose some of their frontage as the road is barely wide enough for a town truck to pass through, especially in winter.
- 10 – Motion made to adjourn meeting....all were in favor.