

MINUTES FROM MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Those present were Bob Thompson, Diane Gendron, Kelly Jaeger Scammon, Bill Clarke, John Belisle, Sally Hebert and Monita Gagnon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by all present. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was accepted.

not prepared by Sally - Harry Child's Deputy Treasurers
The treasurer's report prepared by Sally Hebert was accepted.

Nomination of officers was held. John Belisle and Bill Clarke were nominated for this position. A motion was made by Monita Gagnon to accept this nomination and was seconded by Sally Hebert. Monita Gagnon was nominated by John Belisle for the position of secretary/treasurer. It was seconded by Bill Clarke and accepted.

Sponsors
Budget proposal—it will change as we take a look at it to see what kind of changes we will need to accomplish our goals. The business "Meet and Greet" was discussed. The group wondered if we should continue to do this. The Selectmen seem to like the idea of continuing it. It was suggested by Bill Clarke that we should get sponsors and give away gift cards to those attending with the winner needing to be present in order to win. John Belisle suggested using the Grange hall or the school or fire station for this event. Sally Hebert responded that the Grange would charge us and that we would not be able to use the fire station or the school because of liability and parking issues. Named as possible sponsors were Country Cooking, Landry's, Hurricanes, and the IGA. Bill Clarke suggested using this event to launch the "Go Greene" campaign. He would do a power point presentation and a light show to accomplish this. The date chosen for this event is October 28th from 6:00 to 8:00. A few goals for the committee were established:

- 1) Need to find a location
- 2) Need to develop the revenue—local people to prepare food
- 3) Need to determine the cost of doing a mailing for this event
- 4) An invitation needs to be done for the event to be sent to all businesses, civic organizations, selectmen and members of the planning board. Bob Thompson suggested reaching out to other organizations and to invite everyone who is involved with improving the town of Greene.

John Belisle wants to use the \$5000 which is in the current budget to fund this event. He would like to see this money transferred to the general fund and will be meeting with Charlie Noonan to discuss this. Sally Hebert informed us that we need to have our next budget ready for the Selectmen's October meeting. We need to work on this at our upcoming September meeting in order to have it ready for that time.

John Belisle will contact George Schott about using his building on Route 202 for the event. Bill Clarke will talk to Daryl Farris about his building. He will also talk to Kim at

the Greene Elementary school about holding the event there. Bill Clarke will compose the program for this event and will also put together a summary of his "Go Greene" proposal so that John Belisle can present this to the Selectmen and Charlie Noonan. He will also develop a logo for the promotion.

7 Sally Hebert will get the labels ready for the mailing. She will also check with Bill Buzzer at Leavitt High School about the possibility of having their music group play background music at the event.

Once we know that we will have funding for the event we will need to contact businesses about donating prizes and we will spotlight the businesses that do make donations. We will also highlight the new businesses in Greene at the event.

Budget proposal—the upcoming budget was discussed. The proposal first goes to Charlie Noonan and then to the budget committee. Some items to be included in our budget are postage costs, printing costs for our survey and money for the "Meet and Greet" event. Bill Clarke spoke to the owners of the Country Courier newspaper. For \$1500.00 they would print our "Go Greene" promotion and include a survey that the public could fill out on line. Sally Hebert will work on budget operation items and present these at our next meeting.

Proposed questionnaire for residents of Greene—John Belisle suggested asking the public what kinds of businesses that the people of Greene want to see coming to Greene. The question was asked about how we would get the public to reply to our questionnaire; by mail, email or drop off at town office? It was decided that our questionnaire should go out after the holidays. It will be mentioned at our "Meet and Greet" preparing residents for its arrival. Bob Thompson passed out to all of the members of the group a sheet on Visioning economic development. The committee will review it and comment on it at the next meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted on 8/17/08 by Monita Gagnon, Secretary/Treasurer