

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 MEETING

Location: Bill Clarke's Headquarters, Route 202 Greene, Maine

Present: John Belisle, Bill Clarke, Sally Hebert, Diane Gendron, Kathryn Beausang, Kelly Jaeger Scammon and Monita Gagnon

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed by all. John Belisle made a motion to accept them. It was seconded by Diane Gendron and accepted by all.

The treasurer's report was reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Sally Hebert to accept the report and seconded by Diane Gendron. The report was accepted by all.

Agenda items for the "Taste of Greene" event were discussed. The date is set for October 28th, 2008 at the Greene Central School. The theme of the event is "Taste of Greene". The time of the event is from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

John Belisle has contacted the following food vendors for the event—Country Cookin, Hurricanes, Greene IGA, and Landry's. All have committed to providing something to eat for the event. There cannot be any alcoholic beverages served as the event will be held in a school building. John will contact Glenrock Spring about furnishing water for the event. He will also contact Sedgley's to see if they are interested in being a vendor also. Sally Hebert will contact the two orchards in Greene to see if they would provide cider for the event.

Invitations—Sally will prepare and mail out the invitations on October 1st. A discussion was held as to whether we should or should not charge admission to the event as well as whom should be invited. It was decided that we would not charge any admission. All municipal offices, businesses, groups, clubs, organizations and the local planning board will be invited as well as our representatives and even Governor Baldacci. We will put an announcement in the Country Courier and also on the Town of Greene Web page.

We need to find some corporate sponsors for the event. Those mentioned were the Monmouth Credit Union (\$500.00), Farris Equipment, Becky Laliberte at the Meadows, and Sue Donovan at Donovan Motors.

Music—Sally will contact Bill Buzza at Leavitt High School about the school band playing background music at the event.

Speakers—Scott Lansley, John Nutting, Governor Baldacci and Chip Morrison were mentioned as possible speakers for the event. John Belisle will speak about our group and our ideas for business development in Greene. He will also inform those attending that they will be receiving a questionnaire that they need to fill out and give us their thoughts for a business plan for Greene. John will then introduce Bill Clarke who will speak about his ideas for "Go Greene".

Miscellaneous items—Diane Gendron will contact Town and Country Foods and Bubier Packing about being vendors for the event.

We will need to pay an hourly fee for the school janitor and a fee to the School for holding the event there. It was mentioned that perhaps the Monmouth Credit Union could sponsor these costs.

We will need brochures. Bill Clarke said that Renee Gagnon will probably create these. He estimates that the cost for these will be around \$300.00

We would like to give something to all those attending our event. Suggestions were refrigerator magnets, magnetic business cards, calendars, t-shirts and buttons with our logo.

We need to get name tags to give the people as they walk in to the event. There will be a greeting table where these will be given out by Kelly Jaeger Scammon and Kathryn Beausang.

Photographers will be invited to attend. Those mentioned were the Twin City Times, Country Courier, Forecaster and Sun-Journal.

A press release needs to be prepared 3 weeks before the event. Monita Gagnon will prepare this along with the help of Sally Hebert.

Certificates of appreciation will be given out to each vendor that participates. Bill Clarke will prepare these on his printer. Kelly Jaeger Scammon will purchase the frames to put these into.

Microphone/PA system—there is one at the school and Bill Clarke has another as a back up.

The possibility of the Greene Historical Society doing a presentation was mentioned.

Other business—At our next meeting we need to start preparing our budget and work on our questionnaire. Sally Hebert gave us a draft for a proposed budget. We will discuss this at our next meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 7th. The location will be determined at a later date.

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