

Killingworth Chamber of Commerce Minutes

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Call to Order: 8:09

Attendance: Dale Wilcox, Dorothy Wright, Sue Gumbart, Brian Fizzsimmons, Abby Albrecht, Tim Gannon, Joe Gomez, Susan Flynn.

Guests: First Selectwoman Cathy Iino, and Town Hall Committee Members Jim Lally and David Gross, Peg Schofield.

Immediate audience was given to the guests for presentation of the new town hall addition plans, reportedly a 12 year effort, representing the need for more space and centralization of town departments (emergency management, state trooper, public works, registrar of voters and voting space, meeting space, etc.). The present 'temporary' modular addition installed in 2000 was expected to remedy the space problem for five years. Other options considered have been the Pharmedica building at a cost of 4.5 million which would have needed renovation and a vault for additional cost of 1 million, and would have also lost tax revenue if purchased, or a new town hall at prohibitive cost. Presented now is a plan for a permanent addition to the present historic town hall. The plan is traditional in design of main (existing) house, an (added) back house and barn. The design has cost ten thousand dollars and was done by JA Kunski Homes Architects in Berlin CT. It includes 6000 additional square feet replacing the 2000 s.f. removed temporary structure on the existing town hall. This is a projected 3.5 million dollar cost and will cost a median household an estimated \$70/year in additional taxes. The committee represents that it is a size adequate even for projected growth in size of our town and that it is an optimal time for the project with bonding low, and construction companies responding to bids for jobs. The vote will be in June for this one and a half year project. Some further discussion included how to get the word out and clarify the facts about the project. The presentation ended at 8:40.

Review of last meeting minutes: of Wednesday April 11, 2012

Changes: Susan Flynn was not in attendance.

Motion to approve with changes: Tim Gannon

Second: Joe Gomez

Passed

Committee Reports

Krier Review:

Committee: Fiona Phelan, Sue Gumbart, Dale Wilcox, Tim Gannon, Dorothy Wright, Susan Flynn.

The Committee met on Monday May 7, 2012 at the home of Fiona Phelan and discussed:

1. Reviewed advertising policy for non-profits limiting to 1 full page a year or 12 business card ads per year or quarter page increments.
2. Proposed that non-profit be allowed to join at ½ membership fee so they can be free to purchase more paid advertising
3. Continue publishing legal notices on a space available basis
4. Implement a "Selectman's Corner" section on approximately one page for town hall informational purposes.

5. Put printing of the Krier out for rebid as it's been two years.

Motion by Tim Gannon: to accept the Krier Committee recommendations.

Second: by Brian Fitzsimmons

Carried.

Discussion: the Killingworth sign at the circle needs maintenance. 'Sign of the Times' in Clinton has the pdf. Tim Gannon proposed it be enhanced by being made double faced.

Discussion: Unfortunately, Eileen Boulay's name was prematurely removed from the Krier header in advance of her anticipated replacement at her own request. This will be remedied in the next issue until her replacement is official. Her efforts and involvement with the KCC were acknowledged and are appreciated.

Discussion: That with the changing times and economy perhaps evening meetings would be better than our current 8:00 a.m. second Wednesday mornings. Many are now working jobs that don't allow the flexibility of participation with that board meeting schedule. Among those present a second Thursday evening meeting from 7 to 8 will be proposed at the bank, library or town hall.

Not sure of this: Discussion: that appointment position responsibility guidelines be written and part of our

Motion Joe Gomez

Second Dorothy Write

What was that bit about Emily Eldredge (sp?) getting a \$250 journalism award?

And a \$500 presidents award winner TBD?

Motion by Dale Wilcox an

Second by Tim Gannon... or was the motion to adjourn?

Treasurers Report: Was presented by Dorothy Wright, treasurer, and discussed.

Motion to accept: Tim Gannon

Second: Brian Fitzsimmons

Carried.

Old Business:

Further discussion about the proposal to engage a Marketing Manager (Peg Schofield) is still being fine tuned. There will be another meeting on Monday the 14th at Dale Wilcox's 162 Chittenden Road at 7:00 p.m. for all interested board members. Peg will not be present.

New Business???

New Members: Richard Croce, LLC Attorney at Law

Motion to accept: Tim Gannon

Second: Joe Gomez

Carried.

Motion to adjourn: Dale Wilcox

Second: Tim Gannon

Meeting adjourned: 9:25