

Windham Community Organization  
June 28, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were: Dawn Bower, Maureen Bell, Kathy Jungermann, Pat Cherry, Joyce Cumming, Louise Johnson, Carolyn Partridge, Mia Clark, Ellen McDuffie and Gail Wyman.

Motion by Ellen McDuffie, seconded by Gail Wyman, to approve minutes of the May 31, 2017 meeting as presented passed unanimously.

In Cindy's absence, Ellen distributed the treasurer's report for June. Beginning balance on May 31<sup>st</sup> was \$4,221.06. Subscriptions to News & Notes represented income of \$380; expenses included \$27.99 for labels, \$19.95 for Microsoft Outlook, and the monthly paper statement fee of \$2 for a balance of \$4,551.12 as of June 23, 2017. Brief discussion followed on the status of News & Notes income for 2017 which is down from same time last year and whether it may be due to online availability of N&N or late mailing/late responses.

Ellen opened discussion on Committee Reports.

- Good Neighbors: Carolyn reported on a recent scam affecting an elderly Windham resident who was conned out of \$1500 by a caller claiming to represent Publisher's Clearinghouse. After sending the money, the victim became suspicious and contacted Neighborhood Connections who notified the police. Brief discussion followed on this and other scams wherein the caller prompts the potential victim to say "yes" on the phone, records the response and uses it to claim the victim agreed to pay bogus charges. Discussion followed on the need to inform residents of such scams; an article will be included in the upcoming issue of News and Notes. WCO may receive a referral from Neighborhood Connections to help the Windham resident impacted by the scam.
- News and Notes: Ellen reported that the July-August issue is almost ready for print (one page to finish) and expects to deliver it to the printer by Thursday morning.

Ellen opened discussion on Old Business.

- Thank you letters were sent out and one was returned by the post office. Brief discussion followed on the mailing address to use for the recipient.
- By-Laws need to be updated. The officers will propose revisions for review by the full membership at a later meeting.
- Chicken BBQ on July 15: Mia requested clarification on status of a few items. The serving size of chicken (half or quarter) was discussed; the consensus was to serve a quarter chicken and offer seconds if there are leftovers after everyone has been served. Carolyn explained that in the past, the chickens were purchased from Lisai's because the chicken livers were included. Dawn reported she had spoken with Walter who agreed to serve as chicken chef with volunteer helpers. Walter will bring wood for the fire. Mia contacted Green Mountain Tents and was quoted a discounted price of \$300 for the tent. Mia has Imme's recipe for baked beans (with turkey bacon) if any members would like it. Ellen touched based with Jo-Jo who has graciously agreed to provide strawberries and salad ingredients. We need to contact Imme regarding the permit for trash disposal. Mia circulated the sign-up sheet.

Ellen opened discussion of New Business.

- Carolyn reported on the Chocolate, Cheese, and Chili Fest planned for August 7 and requested contributions of bite-sized dessert items. This event is a major fundraiser for Neighborhood Connections which provided a total of 94 visits to 8 Windham residents in 2016. The event includes a silent auction featuring jewelry and a go-pro camera this year. Discussion followed on support for the event last year which was provided by Claudia who baked goods and was reimbursed by WCO for the cost of supplies. The consensus of WCO members was to support the event by reimbursing Claudia up to \$50 for cost of supplies to bake mini cupcakes this year.

Announcements included:

- The appointment of Mike McLaine as Town Clerk by the Select Board. Mike has assumed the duties of this new role and Ellen is continuing as Assistant Town Clerk.
- Friday Farmers' Market in West Townshend featuring Master Gardeners next Friday.
- Tour de Grace Bike Rally on July 8 and Hospital Fair on August 5 to benefit Grace Cottage Hospital.
- Veterans' Memorial Committee meeting on July 10.
- Windham Volunteer Fire Company auction on August 12; donations are being solicited.
- Summer Camp begins July 10 and will continue for 2 weeks.
- Chocolate, Cheese and Chili Fest on August 7 at the Landgrove Inn. Anyone assisting with set-up should plan to arrive by 4:15 p.m. for the event which begins at 5 p.m.
- Beer and Music Festival to benefit Londonderry Rotary Club on July 29 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the back of Jake's in Londonderry.

The next meeting of Windham Community Organization will be held July 26, 2017.

Motion by Dawn Bower, seconded by Joyce Cumming, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Cumming  
Secretary