

Windham Community Organization  
March 1, 2018  
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Present were: Maureen Bell, Pat Cherry, Joyce Cumming, Kathy Jungermann, Cindy Kehoe and Ellen McDuffie.

Joyce noted a correction to the December minutes re: the Treasurer's report. Both the report and the minutes listed the October 25, 2017 balance incorrectly. The balance on October 25, 2017 should be \$6,440.99.

Motion by Kathy Jungermann, seconded by Pat Cherry to approve the December 13, 2017 minutes as amended, passed unanimously.

Cindy presented the Treasurer's report. Balance on December 13, 2017 was \$5,597.89. Income totaled \$75.00 and expenses amounted to \$1,866.28 for an ending balance of \$3,806.61 as of March 1, 2018.

Under correspondence, Cindy read thank-you letters received from Chester-Andover Family Center, Londonderry Neighborhood Food Pantry, and Townshend Community Food Shelf. A request for funding assistance was received from Senior Solutions; the Town budget includes funding for Senior Solutions. Brief discussion followed.

Ellen opened discussion on Committee Reports.

- Good Neighbors:
  - Ellen offered follow-up reports on two situations discussed in December. In the matter involving possible eviction, Ellen noted difficulty in making contact with the resident and lack of response from Neighborhood Connections. In the other matter involving an elderly resident's property tax issue, the tax collector reported that half the amount was paid by the resident with the impression that WCO would pay the other half. Discussion followed on the issue of WCO assisting with property tax payments. Some felt it was not appropriate. Cindy suggested that such issues be decided on a case by case basis. Ellen stated that the WCO By-Laws allowed discretionary spending for expenses up to \$400; Joyce stated she did not believe such a provision was stated in the By-Laws. Motion made by Cindy Kehoe, seconded by Kathy Jungermann to make payment to the Town of Windham in the amount of \$307.00 on behalf of resident to defray said resident's tax expense, passed by a vote of 4-0-2, with Maureen Bell and Joyce Cumming abstaining.
  - Kathy asked about another matter discussed in December regarding assistance with a dental expense. Ellen said that the matter has been resolved.
- News & Notes: Kathy reported that the latest issue was mailed and already received by some residents. Ellen solicited input on the idea of creating a Town resident database including names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of property owners and residents. Brief discussion followed. It was decided that such an initiative would be more appropriately undertaken by a Town agency. Deadline for next issue (renewal issue) is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business:

- The election/appointment of a Program Director was tabled; discussion will follow at a later date.

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- Meet the Candidates is not likely to occur before Town Meeting as candidates have not been identified as yet and nominations will be made from the floor at the meeting.

### New Business:

- Town Meeting Potluck hosted by WCO; supplies, i.e., cups, plates, napkins, etc. need to be inventoried and supplies replenished as needed. Kathy noted inventory amounts and agreed to contact Dawn re: supplies needed.
- Ellen commented that the *Citizen's Guide to Vermont Town Meeting* is a useful guide available through the VT Secretary of State web site.
- The annual meeting of the WCO will be held in March as provided in the By-Laws; officers will be elected at the annual meeting. Cindy reported that 4 students will be attending Camp Keewayden this year.
- Ellen suggested inviting a guest speaker to the April meeting. A suggestion was made to invite Chris Fischer; Ellen will extend the invitation.
- A luncheon for members was also suggested; several members responded favorably to the idea.
- Green-Up Day is the first Saturday in May; Mia has volunteered to serve as coordinator but may need help.
- The Veterans Memorial committee is determining a suitable location for placement of the memorial and plaque. Re: a monetary contribution from WCO, it was noted that this initiative is not the purpose of WCO and that, if interested, individuals should make personal contributions.

### Announcements:

- Deadline for dog registration is April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Windham Congregational Church will hold Easter Service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 1, followed by a brunch at 11:00 a.m.; all are invited to attend.
- Maureen announced a traditional Passover Seder meal hosted by St. Luke's in Chester on March 28<sup>th</sup> at **6 p.m.** Reservations should be made through Lew and Bonnie Watters (875-2114).
- The next meeting is the annual meeting of the Windham Community Organization at which officers will be elected; discussion followed on changing the date from March 28 due to conflict with the Seder meal at St. Luke's. Motion by Maureen Bell, seconded by Joyce Cumming that the WCO change its March meeting date to Tuesday March 27, 2018, passed unanimously.

Motion by Kathy Jungermann, seconded by Maureen Bell, to adjourn at 8:17 p.m., passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Cumming  
Secretary