

Windham Community Organization
February 23, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.. In attendance were Dawn Bower, Carolyn Rubin, Ellen McDuffie, Pat Cherry, Imme Maurath, Kathy Jungermann, Maureen Bell, Cindy Kehoe, Gail Wyman, Pat McLaine, Leila Erhardt and Barbara Jean Quinn.

Ellen thanked Pat, Cindy, Pat, Kathy and BJQ for taking care of the Christmas cookie platters and all those who baked and helped deliver the cookies.

Secretary Report: Barbara Jean Quinn

Motion to accept the report made by Pat McLaine and Dawn Bower. Unanimously approved and accepted.

Treasurer Report: Cindy Kehoe presented the treasurer's report for November 17, 2021 through February 23, 2022.

Beginning Balance on November 17, 2021 was \$6147.06

Income for WCO was \$0. Income for News and Notes was as follows:

Subscriptions \$100.00

Advertising \$100.00

Expenses

Christmas School Families \$600.00

VT Food Bank. \$200.00

Townshend Community Food Self. \$400.00

Londonderry Neighbors Pantry \$400.00

Neighborhood Connections. \$2000.00

Chester Helping Hands \$400.00

Go Fund Me - Fire \$400.00

Paper statement fee 5 months \$15.00

Sept-Jan.

USPS - Postage News and Notes \$51.96

Candidate Flyer \$38.93

Town of Windham - copies \$50.00

Newsbank Print Shop \$158.40

Balance February 23, 2022. \$1632.77

Committee Reports:

Good Neighbors Report:

Pat Cherry stated the request from last December by a Windham resident for financial assistance was not responded to after outreach was made.

A referral was made for a woman who lost her spouse. Neighborhood Connections accepted this referral and a Social Worker took on this client. Carolyn Partridge was involved and made home visits on the weekends. Safety and home repairs were

addressed. The resident has family that has stepped in to assist. Social Worker was bitten by a dog on the property and was not able to return until dog was removed from the premises. This stalled the care given to resident. The dogs have since been rehomed. Neighborhood Connections does not have weekend coverage so Carolyn's assistance was vital.

Cindy Kehoe thanked both Pat Cherry and Carolyn Partridge for all of their assistance and outreach for this Windham resident.

A resident who lost her home due to fire has received \$400.00 from WCO for much needed assistance through GoFundMe.

WCO is represented at the Neighborhood Connections Community Partners monthly meetings by Pat Cherry and Pat McLaine.

News and Notes:

Ellen McDuffie stated the mailing with the candidates information was very well received by residents. All candidates participated. It was especially helpful that it was a separate mailing and not in the regular issue of the News and Notes.

We will wait until after the Town Meeting to send out the March/April issue so it can include the election results.

Maureen Bell will put in a piece about the Selectboard meeting as well as the informational meeting.

Brett Roland will be profiled in this issue.

May/June issue will be the subscription drive issue. Possible deadline is 4/20 but that is not a date certain at this point.

Old Business:

There was nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

Discussion ensued as to changing the Annual Meeting date permanently from the last Wednesday of March to the last Wednesday of April as the Treasurer's Annual Report will be available by the end of April. Officers are elected annually at this meeting as well. Cindy made a motion to change the Annual Meeting to the last Wednesday in April. Officers will serve from May 1st through April 30th of the following year. The fiscal year will remain from April 1st through March 31st of each year. Cindy made a motion to change these dates and Pat McLaine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ellen was contacted by Abby Pelton to see if the WCO would accept the Parent Organization of the Windham Elementary School under its 501c3 umbrella. Ellen conferred with the WCO vice-president and treasurer and it was agreed that there would be legal oversight required and a legal agreement would be necessary that WCO is not interested in entering into. . The two organizations also have two different missions which would make it inappropriate.

Announcements:

Town Meeting voting ballots must be returned by 3/1/22 @ 7 p.m.

Windham Elementary School informational meeting will be held both in person and on Zoom on 2/24/22@ 6 p.m.. There is a link for the zoom meeting on the town's website. West River Modified Unified School informational meeting will be held later in March. Updates will be sent out before this date.

Dogs must be licensed by April 1st. Proof of vaccinations must be up to date.

Homestead Tax Exemption must be filed with your Vermont Income Taxes.

Town wide re-appraisal will be forthcoming as homes are now selling above Grand List value.

WCO March meeting date TBD.

Motion to adjourn at 2:54 made by Dawn Bower and seconded by Ellen McDuffie.

Respectfully Submitted
Barbara Jean Quinn
Secretary