

Warner Business Association

Board Meeting – 5/19/08

Board Members: Barb Macki, Colby Realty; Chris Daniels, Pellettieri Associates; Mary Morris, Woodsum Art Gallery; Kay Steen, Wingdoodle; Marc Violette, TDS Telecom; Ginger Marsh, Sugar River Bank; Laura French, New Hampshire Telephone Museum; Dan Watts, Dimentech;

Guests: Sean Bohman, WFFF President; Brenda Melendy, Gossler Camps

Town Hall Tree

Chris reported that the tree has been selected for in front of the town hall. It is a 14' Balsam Fir costing a little less than \$500. Pellettieri Associates will plant and guarantee it and invoice the WBA for all expenses incurred. If possible we would like to have the tree in by Memorial Day but it will depend on Pellettieri's schedule.

Action Item: Chris Daniels will attend the May 27 Selectmen's Meeting to request approval for planting the tree.

Membership & Other Business

Ginger reported that we received two more membership renewals: Bees Ink and Lake Sunapee Bank.

Dan Watts renewed the WBA domain name for one year. *A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Dan the \$21.25 fee. Motion carried and Ginger gave Dan a check in that amount.*

Dan reported that the cut-off date for inclusion in the WBA brochure is the end of June to have it in time for the festival. Mary asked if we could have it printed sooner so that it would be available during the busy summer season.

The subject of WBA-sponsored events with guest speakers was raised. Suggestions included the Farmer's Market and Organic Farm Co-op.

There will be no meetings held in July and August unless there is a need for one.

Warner Fall Foliage Festival

Sean Bohman, President of the Warner Fall Foliage Festival Board, attended the meeting to discuss this year's festival. The theme is "Wild, Wild, Wild Life". They are looking for a business(es) to sponsor the volunteer t-shirts. The cost of the sponsorship would be \$1200-\$1400 and would include the WFFF logo on the front and the sponsoring company's logo on the back. He also reported that the deadline for funding requests is June 1. Kay mentioned adding a juried art show to the festival.

Action Item: Mary Morris and Kay Steen will work with Sean on the art show.

Spring Into Warner

Mary reported that in general the retailers were very happy with this weekend's event. The artisan's at Brookside were happy for the most part; only a couple weren't for various reasons. There were some concerns about businesses riding on the "coat tails" of the event and an "illegal" flea market. The Retailers Group will be meeting later to recap the event and make plans for next year including addressing these concerns.

The WHS still owes \$50 for advertising and Erika Walker (artisan) sent her \$50 fee to Ginger.

Action Item: Mary will follow up with WHS and will give Erika's check to Katy Bransfield.

Gnus of New London

The Kearsarge Community Center is holding a major fundraising event called "Gnus of New London". Businesses are encouraged to sponsor a gnu for \$1200. For \$3500 they can also choose the artist to design their gnu. Barb Maki suggested that Kay submit a request for the Sunapee Board of Realtors for a donation. No decision was made if the WBA would participate in any way.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 17 at 7:30 a.m. at the Sugar River Bank.