



Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce
December 20, 2011, Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Laura French, Laura Buono, Rhonda Rood, Maryann Plass, Cindy Barrett-Dumais, Mike McChesney, Marc Violette, Joe & Christiane Dionne, Bob Lutz, Nina Glendenning, Cheryl Blais, Lynne Haney, Sean Bowman

Meeting minutes for November were reviewed and approved.

Treasurers report given by Cindy who advised that, after the last meeting, the retailers group account is now handled separately and \$785.25 was turned over to the retailers group. The balances in our savings is \$1498.80; main acct \$2637; beautification acct \$701.36. Rhonda made motion to approve. All were in favor.

Laura French advised that new rack card is done. Two hundred were ordered and are now available.

ACTION: Maryann to send old editions of Kearsarge Happenings to Dan Watts to post on website.

The Annual Meeting is set for Tuesday, January 31, at N.H. Telephone Museum from 5:30-7.

Committee Reports:

- **Education:** The last Coffee Talk at the Pillsbury Free Library was well received. There was discussion about doing another one in the evening on the same topics. The Business After Hours at Colby Insurance Group in New London was also well attended.
- **Membership:** Laura French and Rhonda Rood discussed having membership cards to present from member to member as a means to facilitate member-to-member discounts.
- **Marketing:** No update available. Mike McChesney hasn't been in town.
- **Nominating Committee:** Rhonda advised Kevin Faria is leaving. Mike McChesney and Laura Buono are leaving. Laura will be an ex-officio. Cindy will be a board member and Cheryl Blais will now become treasurer in 2012. Sean Bowman and Marc Violette volunteer to be on the board. Maryann Plass volunteered to become Vice President and Laura French will take her place as Secretary.

Laura Buono asked if someone else could take over as coordinator of the Blood Drives. Marc suggested asking another group to do that, such as the church, Magdalen College. There was discussion about also asking a KACC member to coordinate the Blood Drives.

Laura Buono gave town update:

- The budget is slightly up, about 1.5%. The town tax rate is the same.
- Planning Board is working with the Zoning Board. The 1st Tuesday in February is the due date for petitions to zoning.
- Some insulation work was done at the Town Hall to help with the heating costs.
- There is a new fire chief, Ed Raymond.

The floor was given to Joe Dionne who spoke about his new chiropractic office that officially opened this month at Brookside in Warner. He also has an office in Claremont which he might transition to Warner completely. His wife, Christiane, works with him as well. He's open Monday evening, Tuesday/Wednesday mornings, and Thursday all day.

Marc reported that there is a new executive director of the Lake Sunapee Chamber of Commerce.

Lynne Haney volunteered to check message for the next month.