

January, 2007 Minutes

Warner Business Association

In attendance:

Ginger Marsh	Pat Long	Barbara Annis
Maryann Plass	Barbara Maki	Dick Violette
Chris Daniels	Dan Watts	Jim Mitchell
Chris Clous	Mary Watts	Steve Brown
Laura Buono	Terry Kneeland	

1. Meeting minutes were approved.
2. Ginger Marsh announced that Chris Clous and Terry Kneeland came to speak with us today for a few minutes each.
3. No change in treasurer's report. No additional membership dues money has come in since the last meeting. WBA gave the Warner Beautification Fund \$730.
4. Chris Clous updated us on the progress of the proposed changes to the Martin Building.
 - parking is an issue as the building sits on only .15 acres and is a 3-4 story bldg.
 - best area for parking may be near the elementary school so this is being looked into. Possibly plan to extend the existing parking lot of the school towards the Foothills Restaurant property. Plan to create a loop in the rear parking lot for busses to pick up students and for faculty and staff to park. The current lower lot will be used by the Martin Building. They would also create a pedestrian link to back there. (Steve Brown urged everyone in the town to back this proposal due to the congestion on Main St.
 - proposed 16-18 spaces and 4 handicapped spots needed.
 - there is an agreement in principle as to how to accomplish the task of parking, but without the parking issues solved, they cannot move forward
 - they are also trying to find additional sources for funding to re-develop the Oddfellows Block
 - sources of funding this project may include increasing the vehicle registration fee by \$5 and put that money in a separate fund, and/or create a scenic byways program (once a road is designated as a scenic byway, it is easier to obtain federal funding for the town).
5. Terry Kneeland spoke:
 - she is this area's mentoring co-ordinator
 - the mentoring program is for children ages 6-17 for abt. 1-2 hours each week for 1 yr.
 - there is a great need for mentors as there are more children in need than mentors
 - program is called The Friends Program and Terry can be reached at 863-5200 or @ tkneeland@friendsprogram.org
6. Laura Buono spoke:
 - there is a public hearing on January 22
 - the budget was not voted on at the last meeting
 - the operating budget increase is 1.6%, and the total including capital items is 5-6%
 - has received some money from Fema - they will be on the docket in 2010 or 2012 and will get 80% back for the road work projects. \$200,000 is being requested.
 - the Police Dept. advised they wish to replace an SUV / the Fire Chief is looking into what sprinklers would cost at the station
 - Laura said she will give a copy of the final budget to Dan Watts to post on the WBA website
 - Laura, Ed Mical, and several others will be attending a response tabletop meeting on Wed., 1/24, regarding the pandemic
7. Barbara Annis spoke:
 - 5 articles will be heard this coming Monday night
 - Sugar River Savings Bank is coming in for a conceptual hearing
 - the RAW deadline is the same night also
 - the last meeting involved reviewing the definition of building which was discussed for 20 minutes

- the board is going to be changing the definition of home occupation so everything in the regulations reads the same
 - there is a big controversy on the definition of gross floor area in a commercial district. The Planning Board wants to change it to read "the footprint of the square feet will not be greater than 20,000 sq. ft." There was a vote to reconsider and a compromise was made. The maximum footprint is 20,000 and, if more square footage is needed, multiple buildings must be built.
 - it was determined that the building inspector is using the Int'l Boca code and not local codes
8. Ginger Marsh acknowledge that Sugar River Savings Bank is going to the meeting for a conceptual as they need to expand.

January 26, 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes

<u>In attendance:</u>	Ginger Marsh	Marc Violette	Don Regan
	Maryann Plass	Dan Watts	Pat Long
	Chris Daniels	Mary Watts	Laura Hallahan

1. The new board members for 2007 were ratified.
2. The WBA needs to consider getting involved in the issue with the Water Precinct in anticipating of the development at Exit 9. Water sheds may be built on Kearsarge Mtn. Rd. or people in the district will have to absorb the cost of the additional water supply for the development there which is not fair to those within the district. Since not many people in the town know about this issued, the WBA has to become pro-active.....email members about this issue to get them involved!
3. Candidates Night is being planned for the 1st week in March.
4. The WBA meetings are being changed to the 3rd Tuesday of each month, instead of Friday's and there will be no meetings during July and August.
5. Treasurers report showed that the savings account starting balance is \$531.31 and after all expenses paid, there is an ending balance of \$563.77.
6. A re-vote took place that the WBA should pay for the crosswalk signs even though this would be a duplication.
7. All members need to think about something the WBA could do as a project. (ex. - flags, plaques, etc.).