

Warner Business Association

November 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Marc Violette Maryann Plass Brenda Malendy Laura Buono
 Chris Daniels Kay Steen Laura French

1. Meeting minutes for September and October were approved.
2. Treasurer's report was not available for this meeting.
3. The trees are going up the Friday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 28, instead of Sunday. Marc will put the lights up at Town Hall next week.
4. Renewal membership application will be sent out next week according to Laura French.
5. Marc advised he is taking care of the sponsorship letters.
6. Tickets and poster for the Festival of Trees are at all downtown retailers.
7. The discussion on the reduction of the \$50 membership fee was continued and it was decided the fee would remain at \$50.
8. The discussion about the Nominating Committee was also continued, and Marc asked both Kay and Laura to ask the Retailers Group at their next meeting if anyone might be interested in becoming a board member this coming year.
9. Retailer Group update presented by Laura French:
 - The Holiday Shopping Tour is remaining on schedule
 - Ads are going to be placed in different publications very shortly about it
 - They are discussing the possibility of getting a horse & carriage sleigh ride for that weekend, but are finding it is very expensive
10. It was decided the survey letter previously discussed would be tabled until next year.
11. The WBA voted and approved donating \$250 to the Retailers Group for advertising.
12. The annual meeting of the WBA will be held on Wed., Jan. 28, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. tentatively at Sugar River Bank. Marc will approach Ginger Marsh on this matter.
13. Marc updated us on the Kearsarge Community Center in New London. So far \$800,000 has been committed towards it, but the renovations are estimated to be close to \$3.5 million. The Selectmen voted on floating a \$1.5 million bond if the center could raise \$2 million. There is a school board committee meeting tonight where this will be further discussed. It is possible that either the center will be \$500,000 short of the goal, or they may have to scale back the renovations.
14. Laura Buono updated us on town matters:
 - There is no more surplus to be used towards offsetting the amount of property tax increase for the town.
 - Capital Budget Committee meeting is Thursday & it appears there will be a 2.5% increase as revenues are down (i.e.-recyclables not selling for what they used to).

Laura also stated it is important that more people attend town meetings and the school deliberative sessions.