

December 16, 2008 Minutes

Warner Business Association

In attendance: *Ginger Marsh* *Marc Violette*
 Maryann Plass *Rhonda Rood*
 Laura Buono

1. The November meeting minutes could not be approved at this meeting due to insufficient attendance.
2. The Festival of Trees preview party attendance was low this year. Only 80 people attended the party. There weren't enough volunteers from Magdalen College this year, and the leftover food was donated to Ted Bliss' funeral.
3. The trees in Town Hall are scheduled to be taken down on December 26 - this is being coordinated by Chris Daniels with Dan and Mary Watts' assistance.
4. Renewal membership applications already went out, and Ginger advised many have come already come in.
5. Marc Violette said he didn't hear anything yet from Laura French (Retailers Group) about whether or not anyone in that group has volunteered to become a board member of the WBA, but he will follow up with her before the next meeting. Marc advised that Dale Sandy and Barbara Maki will be leaving the board of directors.
6. Ginger Marsh approved having the annual meeting at the Sugar River Bank, Warner.
7. Laura Buono provided an update on town matters and stated not much was going on at this time other than the budget meeting coming up next Thursday, the highway crews were still cleaning up and grading the roads as well as picking up trees due to the recent ice storm, and there was 24 hour police coverage provided during the outage. She suggested that a list should be made up for people on how to keep warm, what to do for food, shelter, etc. in case this happens again. It was suggested that maybe going door to door and distribute magnets with shelter info, etc. would be helpful.
8. Marc Violette reported that the generators for TDS were stolen during the storm, and that 2 man crews were going out fixing any downed wires. Separately, he commented that he believes the town budget should be completed this coming week and has taken less time this year to do.
9. Rhonda Rood advised that everyone at the Colby Real Estate office is now located at the new Country Houses office located next to Town Hall.