

KEARSARGE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
(WARNER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION)

MAY 19, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Marc Violette Mike McChesney Kevin Faria
 Ginger Marsh Cheryl Blais Kay Steen
 Maryann Plass Pat Murray
 Laura French Dan Watts
 Pat Long Rhonda Rood

1. The motion made to approve the meeting minutes for April was approved.
2. Treasurers report was given by Ginger Marsh: \$283.74 in the Warner Beautification Fund, \$2358.86 in the brochure account, \$1985 in Retailers Group, and \$851.01 in checking account. The motion made to approve the treasurer's report was approved. Ginger advised we have been given back the \$250 we disbursed for the newsletter. Marc stated we need to save our money at this time and build up the accounts.
3. Faith Minton and Rhonda Rood wrote a letter to S. Wilkins requesting grant money which may help us replenish our account.
4. Ginger Marsh suggested Laura French be added as signer of the Retailers Group Account.
5. Marc spoke about the history of the Warner Business Association which goes back to 1913 and started under a different name.
6. Marc discussed the philosophy of the "Chamber" will change as we try to encompass a bigger area. The existing brochure and map would have to be re-designed. It is important to have a diverse offering to the Kearsarge area. Rob Bryant says he still would like to come and talk about the Chamber.
7. Marc stated a sub-committee is needed to help revise the current Warner Business Assoc. By-Laws. Volunteers include: Marc Violette, Maryann Plass, Rhonda Rood, Pat Long, Mike McChesney and Kevin Faria. First meeting to be held May 26, at 12:00 at The Foothills in Warner.
8. Marc also stated a Membership Committee would be needed to help grow the membership but we should postpone doing this temporarily.
9. Discussion was held regarding the Spring into Warner Day which was held on Saturday, May 16. Everyone seemed to agree it was a success for the town which was busy all day!
10. Marc advised that the Retailers Group had a "visioning" meeting session where they are talking about 4th of July activities and are trying to plan ahead. Perhaps something could be done for Halloween too?
11. There was discussion about the first issue of the new newsletter – The Kearsarge Happenings, which was thought to be a success. The 2nd issue will be worked on shortly.
12. The Blood Drive takes place on Wednesday, June 10, from 2-7 at Town Hall.
13. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, at Sugar River Bank.