

Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce

February 1, 2017

Attendees: Dan Watts, President, Mary Watts, Anthony Mento, Patrick Miller, Christine Heath, Alan Brown

Minutes

Call to order at 6:07

Cheryl traveling, no treasurer report.

Membership – we have 8 new members in January. The online payment system is working well, and is starting to be utilized by renewing members. The annual meeting was well attended.

Discussion re: the need to have a liaison for every town represented by the chamber. Meeting attendance is not required, but we need someone who can act as conduit for individual town happenings, new businesses, info on current business activities. Facebook isn't everything – neither is any individual social media outlet.

Pres: Goal for the year, to extend the advertisement of the chamber itself, as well as groupings of our membership. We need to increase our chamber's visibility and value to our membership by getting our name out there in appropriate settings, preferably also promoting or highlighting some of our membership at the same time.

Networking – the value of members sharing and tapping resources and skills of other members, always building additional value for the entire group.

BBA members joining the KACC – we're seeing some growth from this effort, as the Bradford membership is beginning to climb.

Our newsletter goes out to more than our members – activities and updates are being broadcast on facebook to, and via constant contact to a growing pool of folks interested in hearing about area news. It's a short step from hearing the news, to being a part of that news stream.

Encourage every member to invite 5 people to join our mailing list to listen in on area happenings.

Anthony Mento – presentation on proposed Fire Station in Warner.

Firm did Hop, central fire station in Meredith, two in Hooksett, competed against two other firms for the opportunity to bid on this new facility in Warner.

Enjoyed the annual meeting (thanks). Town of Warner Fire Station Building Review

Goals – existing facility is severely undersized, not compliant, not ADA Accessible, no offices, no emergency response office.

Reviewed all input and wish list, etc., researching conceptualls, not yet fully engineered systems.

New building site. Most of the calls were to the west of town. Land became available and was purchased this year. Corner of West Main and Split Rock.

Tasks

Problems currently - affordability

Design to date - heading to town meeting with plans

Took a survey of the attendees of the informational meeting, and compiled their feedback into the design efforts.

Parking, functional components

Public prominent facility, but environmentally sensitive, low impact to neighborhood, Right sized, not ugly.

10,000 sq ft in final ask, measured equipment and room spaces, components.

"learned from the police station" - looks great, durable, low operating costs

Construction - North Branch Construction - lots of experience with Fire Stations - very helpful with the efforts on improving the floor plan and design.

February 15th at the Warner town hall, informational session, 7pm.

Website development to display the plans we have so far.

Meeting adjourned 6:50pm