



Minutes of the CAB Meeting November 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by the President, Scott Rowley. There was a quorum present. The following businesses were represented: Scott Design, Cottage Treasures, Midway Country Lodging, Sacopee Valley Eye Care, Bank of Bangor, Yoga Instruction, Barking Rose. Devon Fahie, a prospective member, of Sebago Sign Works visited as a guest to learn more about CAB. He has just relocated his business to Limington.

- I. **Secretary's Report**-The Secretary's Report was sent by email. The minutes were accepted as sent.
- II. **Minutes of the Board Meeting**- Eileen McKinney read the minutes of the Board Meeting held October 29th, The membership form was discussed and some changes were made, Businesses that wish to have more than one listing on the web site which is included in the membership fee will be asked to pay the nominal fee of \$20.00 annually beginning in 2010. There was also a change made to the web site to simplify the way the membership form is accessed. The way CAB is described has also been altered to better reflect what is described in the by-laws. The insurance policy was also discussed. Bangor Bank offers a plan with the Patriot Group which would cost \$365.00 instead of the \$500.00 CAB currently pays with Peerless. It was voted to change carriers after the information is presented at the regular CAB Meeting. It was also voted to amend the by-laws to recognize email as the acceptable means of communication for CAB. CAB will continue to mail information to those businesses that do not have email. The 2010 Budget will be presented at the January meeting and voted into action at the February meet
- III. **Treasurer's Report**-The Treasurer reported that last month's balance was \$6,986.44 including interest of \$.59. A deposit of \$250.00 was made from the 5K Apple Festival Race. Expenses for the month included the following: \$150.00 paid to Mike Harmon for restroom care, \$142.50 paid to the Cornish Sewer District, \$396.00 paid to Your Weekly Shopping Guide for Apple Festival ads, \$37.00 paid to Mark Emmons to mow the parking area for the Apple Festival, \$5.99 for bathroom supplies and \$100.00 paid to Jerry Watson for parking at the Apple Festival. The balance at the end of the month was \$6,405.54.
The Treasurer also reported that she is working with the bank insurance group to work out the details of an insurance policy that will be more reasonable than the one CAB currently carries. CAB voted to follow through with the new policy. When the details are completed CAB will move to this carrier. There are still checks coming in from the Apple Festival. The Treasurer will give a final report in January.
- IV. **Area Business News**- Rosemary's will be moving this winter and relocating to Windham Leslie Hartwell, Yoga instructor, announced that She will be opening a studio above the Inkwell in January. Devon Fahie told CAB about his business. He plans to join CAB and hopes to be doing business in Cornish.
- V. **Reports of Committees**
 - a. CAB Website- Ron McKinney reported that all area businesses that CAB is aware of have been added to the website regardless of Membership.
 - b. Pole Banners- This project is on hold.
 - c. Christmas in Cornish- Judy MacIntyre reported that the event will be held on Saturday, December 5th because the porch at the Inn is not



available on Friday. The caroling will begin at 5:30 PM. Memory Tree donations will again be accepted at area businesses. An ad will be placed in Your Weekly Shopping Guide. The greens have been ordered and the decorating of the park will take place on Sunday morning, November 29th. Volunteers are needed to help. It was suggested that CAB might want to invest in LED lights. No decision was made. Several people volunteered to make cookies for the caroling event.

- d. CAB Holiday Party-Scott Rowley announced that the annual holiday Party will be held Tuesday, December 8th at 6:00PM. There will be a Yankee Swap. Scott showed members the invitation choices and one was picked. They will be mailed out soon. It was decided to have the party at Krista's. The cost will again be \$25.00 per person.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Sewer Bill- The Sewer Bill has finally been resolved. The Selectmen of Cornish have agreed to pay the yearly base cost of \$300.00. The base cost does not reflect any sewer usage costs. CAB will be charged for all sewer use based on the water usage from the bathrooms each year. This charge will be divided into 2 payments in a fiscal year. To help CAB with these costs, the Cornish Selectmen have agreed to bill any event that is held in Thompson Park where the event charges for a space. The park usage cost has been set at \$74.00(small event) \$135.00(large event) and will be billed to that event's producer, then that usage will be subtracted from the bathroom's yearly sewer usage. It is the town's responsibility to let the Cornish Sewer District know when such an event is being held in Thompson Park and to whom the bill should be sent.
- b. Bathrooms- The bathrooms have been closed for the season.
- c. Marketing Plan- Start thinking about ideas for next year.

VII. New Business

- a. Park Banner- Scott Rowley presented a banner that could be placed in Thompson Park. The plan showed removable posts that would support banners that would be visible in both east and west directions. The town has approved the basic concept. . It was decided that CAB should think about the plan before a decision is made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The December Meeting will be the Christmas Party at Krista's at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernestine Bash