



## Minutes of the C.A.B. Meeting March 10,2009

President Scott Rowley called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. A quorum was present. The following businesses were represented: Scott Designs, Plain and Fancy, Sacopee Valley Veterinary Clinic, MacIntyre Consulting, Midway Country Lodge, Sacopee Valley EyeCare, Bangor Savings Bank, The Cottages at Oak Hill Farm, Barking Rose Quilt Barn, and Cottage Treasures.

I. Secretary's Report The Secretary's Report was sent by email and read at the meeting. It was accepted with corrections to the spelling of 2 names. The membership information was given – Twenty two business have joined this year to date. Reminder cards were sent out last week to those who had not rejoined. Welcome to Petone Electric, a new member to C.A.B.

II. Treasures Report The Treasurer reported a balance of \$5,329.96 after bills were paid and 6 membership payments were received. Members were reminded that the warrant for \$400.00 to decorate the park will be presented at the town meeting this month.

III. Area Business News

Maple Syrup Sunday will be celebrated March 22nd.

The Cottages at Oak Hill Farm will be serving breakfast Saturday the 21st and Sunday the 22nd.

Dunkin Donuts is offering a free med. Coffee with purchase of a pound of coffee.

Foothills Association of Business held a joint program with Bangor Saving Bank. Gordon Platt spoke about cash flow problems for small businesses in these hard economic times. Twenty people attended. In conjunction with this subject the question was brought up as to whether C.A.B should join the Foothills Assoc. It was decided that Teresa Drown should suggest to their Association that we offer a reciprocal membership without voting rights to show support and acknowledgment between both groups.

There was a question about what maybe happening at the old truck stop (Hartford's). Nothing has come before the planning board to date.

IV. Report from Officer's and Committees

A. Apple Festival – Scott Rowley reported that he is still looking for someone to handle the job of Nan Gurley and Peter Mavis. Judy MacIntyre offered to assist a selected chairman.



Advertising for Apple Festival – Ernestine Bash has contacted AAA, Country Living, Yankee, and Down East to be placed on their calendar of events.

B. Banner – Mark Beever continues to search for a reasonably priced banner. It was suggested that the current ones were placed too high on the pole. This may be a legal issue. It was also suggested that they be more centrally located for greater impact. There will be further discussion of this matter.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Sewer Bill – Norm MacIntyre continues to work on this issue.

B. Spring Fling – Details for this event are still under consideration. The date is set for April 26th. Ernestine Bash will contact businesses for items to present at the silent auction. Tickets will go on sale as soon as arrangements for venue, caterer and music are finalized.

C. Park Decorations – Decorations will be taken down March 15th.

VI. New Business

A. Marketing Plan for Cornish – Scott Rowley contacted Maine Tourism to find out how to join. Annual membership is \$145.00 with additional charges for placing brochures at regional booths. It was decided to table discussion of membership until C.A.B has a brochure.

B. Brochure – Several examples of old brochures were shown and discussion followed about size and what to include. Scott Rowley will get quotes for printing costs. Advertising to cover costs would be available to any business. A reduced fee would be offered to C.A.B members. It was voted to proceed with this plan.

The next regularly scheduled of C.A.B will be held on April 14th at the United Church of Christ at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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