

Hartland Area Community Council
March 2, 2015

Attending: Leo Bard, Heidi Bierer, Larry Ciofu, Jan Cornillaud, Kay Fountain, Sharon Grech, Barbara Krueger, Richard Krueger, Doug Kuhn, Ceci Marlow, Judy Paulsen, Gayle Roberts, Jacob Roberts, Sandy Roberts, Brian Savage, Cliff Schiesel, Jim Sparks.

President Dick Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

The minutes were reviewed. Barbara Krueger noted that Jim Sparks be added to the list of attendees. Leo Bard questioned clarity--"no invoice received for the lights crew." Leo believes that the company's name is "Santa's Helper" but, more important, the Council should not pay for any lights. Dick concurred. Kay Fountain moved acceptance of the minutes, Sandy Roberts seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

The treasurer's balance is \$4,674.65. A bill of \$22.95 is due from Dick Krueger, but that's the only known outstanding expense. Dick asked Larry Ciofu if the funds raised for Epley Park brick purchases has been kept. Larry said yes, and he'll dig it out. Doug Kuhn moved that the Treasurer's Report be put on file. Jan Cornillaud seconded. Motion carried.

Epley Park Project

Dick noted the inclusion in the meeting packet of the Continuation of the Epley Park Project. This is a list of items that the Council might tackle to continue to support the project. One of the key elements of this is "publicity"--in print and electronic media for fund-raising, for project phase completions, for more. The pieces that have now been up for 8-10 years are holding up well and are really well-done. Barbara suggested that Michelle Otis be contacted to identify any specific pieces that need replacement. Dick remembers that it is the swings. Dick recalls that buying the equipment in the middle of the winter gives the best possible price. Gayle reported that there's a parent at Village Elementary whose company has been very helpful with the existing playground equipment. Dick will go talk to Michelle and/or Bill Cain (Village Principal) to see what they suggest. What brought this to light is an order for a memorial brick came in late fall and Dick picked it up last week, which jogged this need to address and plan for the future.

Memorial Day Parade May 25, 2015

Sandy Roberts has an updated application and contact information. Barbara believes this is the 80th Memorial Day celebration, but it's likely the parade did not start until during the Korean Conflict (1951-1952?). Doug recalls decorating a bike in 1952 so that he could ride it in the parade.

Sandy asked about the flyover buttons. Barbara said yes, and that Spirit of Livingston will cover the flyover buttons so that all the profit will go to the flyover. Barbara brought four of the past ones. Dick found a free image online that can be used for this year's button. Larry Ciofu volunteered to handle the distribution of the buttons. Leo Bard will help Larry distribute the buttons. Sharon Grech questioned what the profit is – Larry said \$800-900 last year. Buttons are by donation and most donate \$5-\$10 per button.

Theme—Doug likes the "United We Stand" as the theme for this year.

Bridge bunting – Leo Bard will take care of this in 2015. It is stored at Larry's place.

Golf carts - Kay Fountain reported that Majestic is happy to provide the golf carts, however Kay will not be in town. If someone will come at 6 am on Memorial Day and get the carts, then bring them after the race to Ore Creek. Brian Savage will pick them up in the morning for the race—two to the race, and two directly to Ore Creek; then after the race, bring the two from the race to Ore Creek. Following the parade, they will be returned to Majestic. Sandy Roberts and Brian Savage will make sure that this happens. Jim Sparks asked if the larger, multi-person shuttle cart could be used for the veterans who walk to get a ride back to the start point. Kay will follow up with Bill about this vehicle.

Memorial Parade Booklet - Sometime after March 10 there will be an appeal on the Hartland Area Chamber of Commerce web site. This gives information to some folks who are not members. This year, Barbara is trying something new—copying the last year's ad to encourage them to repeat. Barbara also checked the Discover Hartland publication of Livingston Daily and is contacting the firms who are not in the Chamber Directory. Barbara has received sufficient additional photos that more advertising will be needed. Also included in the packet tonight is the Memorial Parade Booklet advertising form. Barbara encouraged everyone to consider sharing the ad form with their dentists.

Grand Marshall – Cliff Schiesel agreed to collect nominations and then to write the Community Life article for early April.

Epley Park vendors – No one has a specific size of spots in the park; Ceci thinks that her space next to the sidewalk was 15x15 to accommodate a 10x10 tent. The spots further away from the sidewalk were larger. Sharon updated the vendor application form from last year and wants to add more information for vendors, plus that they come back to Sharon Grech. \$20 without electricity; \$25 with electricity. All 110 volt outlets. No extension cords—must be provided by vendor. Sharon wants to use the vendor she had for Winterfest—hot dogs, elephant ears, concession stand stuff—because they give 20% back. Sharon asked that everyone let her know of any “sacred cows”—so as to be sure local folks are still there, to nonprofits, etc. Ceci believes that duplication is not that big a deal, since folks will only go so far to get a hot dog. Jim Sparks suggested that it's important to keep the focus on the veterans and the purpose—less commercialization, more local emphasis. The vendor application form will be on the web site. Kay suggested, too, that the vendors might be asked how to improve the process.

Clean-up – Kay asked if Dougie's Disposal has been contacted. Barbara is going to speak with him regarding the half-page ad and typically his company is thanked as part of that ad.

Veterans – Leo felt that it might be necessary to remind the Livingston County Sheriff that his unit should not appear before the flag.

Memorial Day Run – Brian reported that the run is planned. The Hartland High School football team is running it this year. The same route will be used as the last three years. This will be the tenth year of the run—a one mile walk, plus 5K and 10K runs. Brian has contacted the Fire Department. Brian knows that the big concern is the traffic going to the Pancake Breakfast, but it's been working. Typically, the longest runner takes one hour and 15 minutes, starting at 8 am, it hasn't been a problem. The advertisement for the pancake breakfast is on the run's web site and on the flyer. Brian knows that families especially are going over to the breakfast. Doug noted that the ceremonies at the cemetery begin at 11 am. Dick knows that the pinch point is Crouse and Hartland Road. Added adults with the Fire Department to help the cars who want through that intersection are invaluable. Jim asked what profit is made and what share comes to Community Council. Brian said last year's profit was put back into the football team.

This year, 2015, the profit is expected to go into the 2015 fall September 11 game. The plan is to have the jerseys carry the name of a veteran or military person. Sixty players are on the varsity team. Any profit beyond the cost of those jerseys would be donated to a veterans' organization. Doug said the American Legion could certainly supply local names for the uniforms. Doug asked in what charitable activities the football players are active. Brian reported the Rake & Run and several activities within the schools. Doug asked that Brian get in touch with Leo and/or him to help sort out some possibilities.

National Moment of Remembrance – Jacob Roberts did some research. He learned that this is a national event at 3 pm. He suggests that perhaps the high school band might play taps. Barbara suggested that it be done at a different time. Dick thought perhaps at noon when the flags are raised to full staff. It would need to be announced so that folks understand what this is. There is someone playing taps just before noon as part of their ceremonies. Doug gave Jacob a history of Memorial Day as well as detailing all that happens in a very tight time frame. Sandy suggested a moment of silence at the beginning of the parade for everyone to be quiet and remember. Barbara suggested putting a ¼ page ad in the booklet and Dick suggested that the schedule include this as well.

Announcer – Jim asked if the contract with the DJ has been signed and deposit sent. Larry said no. Jim also asked if the DJ is going to be on the bridge. Larry asked about the hours for the DJ – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Old Business

Home repairs - Doug reported on the house repair project that is in the works in the village of Hartland. Doug has learned that the current resident is a widow of two former military members. On her behalf, Doug has connected her to the Livingston County Veterans Affairs office. The county does have a fund for this kind of thing—exceptional instances of need--specifically for veterans and their immediate family members. As it stands right now, it may be that the house repairs may not need any help or as much help from individuals in the area. Leo followed up with appreciation of the pledge of help from the Council. Leo asked that the pledge continue to stand until this is resolved.

Heritage Day – Heidi reported that she has permissions for all the photos so the calendar is ready to go for printing. Tomorrow is the Chamber board meeting in the morning so advertisements will be discussed. Sandy asked if it will be available at the Memorial Day event. Heidi believes it will be. There will be 100 printed to start for \$10 each (cost \$5). Heidi is looking for volunteers—she has quite a few activities that younger kids can do that are very inexpensive. She just needs volunteers to help with those. Heidi asked for the vendor contact.

New Business

Jan Cornillaud reported that the one banner at Crouse is down—Sandy has it in his car.

Christmas decorations are still up. Once they're down, Larry or Barbara will pick them up wherever and get them to storage. Santa's Helper will take care of this next year.

Gayle Roberts talked with Toni Silbe about possibly planting flowers at Epley Park. One of the Brownie troops has agreed to take over that project (and they will get a patch). Jacob would like the Community Council to support that project. Kay asked if we can add this to the agenda March 30. Jacob will bring an amount to consider.

Jan moved that we adjourn at 7:46 pm. Kay seconded.