

HARTLAND AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
October 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDING: Leo Bard, Larry Ciofu, Gary Cornillaud, Matt Devitt, , Richard Krueger, Douglas Kuhn, Kim Ladd, Ceci Marlow, Gayle Roberts, Jacob Roberts, Dwight Sachau, Gregg Schkade, Ginny Smoot, Don Thompson, Barbara Walker.

Jacob Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm in the meeting room of the Hartland Insurance Agency.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of September 14 meeting

Leo Bard moved acceptance of the minutes. Gayle Roberts seconded. Discussion: Doug Kuhn noted he was absent but was actually in attendance. Others corroborated he actually was not present. Gary Cornillaud noted his name was spelled incorrectly. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Larry Ciofu distributed a printed treasurer's report. He reported that the current balance is \$4,484.09. Still some outstanding bills from Heritage Day. The last payment on Memorial Day booklet ads was collected. We earned \$1,672.40 for that event. Gary Cornillaud moved; Don Thompson seconded acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. The report was accepted and filed.

Epley Park

The committee met regarding the pavilion. Gary met with George Waldrup (Facilities), Scott Bacon (Finances), and Michelle Otis (Community Education) of the schools to talk about what had happened with the look at the pavilion. The look at the pavilion was precipitated by a citizen's concern that it was going to fall down on them. There was no formal report by Boss Engineering, a civil, not structural, engineering firm. They were on the roof. It was determined that there was no immediate danger, but there was a concern about the timeframe for repair or replacement. A number of \$30-50,000 was thrown at building new walls inside the walls and further renovation. Scott Bacon noted that there is less and less money available to spend on anything that is not directly related to K-12 education. The schools are open to a transfer of ownership for Epley Park. The revenue is not significant enough to warrant retaining it. The estimate to tear down the pavilion, leaving the slab in place, is \$3-5,000.

The HACC committee met that evening and Michelle Otis attended. Gary committed his engineer to take a look but he is not confident this is worth the effort. Gary talked with Tom Parshall who worked on it when he was a youth, explaining its construction. It is likely that it was built in a fashion similar to a parking deck. Gary's largest concern is the roof. The gist of the HACC subcommittee meeting was that the Community Council needs to discuss to what degree we wish to be involved in it. The schools would like to have a true investigation to determine its long-term viability; else, they plan to just tear it down.

Gary did do a quick sketch of keeping the original structure and putting on a more traditional roof. His estimate is that it will take \$20-25,000 to carry out this sketch. The larger cost is the on-

going maintenance—painting, removing graffiti, re-roofing. The question, Gary believes, is not what specific things can be done, but to what extent HACC would want to get involved, particularly given our finances and the struggles HACC has in developing volunteers.

Ceci Marlow asked if consideration had been given for the school giving this property to Hartland Township. Gary believes that this is something that the schools would consider, but there's no sense of whether the Township would be able or interested in it. It is not that the schools do not value the park. They do budget for maintenance--\$5-10,000 per year—for mowing and other regular care. The pavilion structure is a cost beyond customary maintenance.

Dick Krueger reminded the group that the Community Council has invested in the park—playground equipment, grills, benches, and more. He believes two viable places for Epley Park to go are Hartland Township or the Heartland Foundation (which is the owner of the Hartland Music Hall).

Gayle Roberts suggested that the community can be called upon to help with maintenance costs. She sees folks there on a regular basis, using the parks. Dick agreed that “little kids” cannot drive to the other parks. Leo Bard believes that it seems that the discussion has become support Epley Park or not. Leo stated that we want to maintain the park, even if there is no pavilion. Dick thinks it's a bigger question than what this group can answer.

Larry Ciofu noted that we will continue to maintain the playground equipment and plan to add a toddler playscape in the future. The pavilion is not the crux of what HACC has done or will do in the future. Barbara Walker asked about the Treasurer's Report where it is noted that we have revenue from Epley Park rental. This was explained as only for the booths on Memorial Day. There is also an expense item for the playground, but nothing is budgeted for this year. This is an occasional expense, based on needs from year to year. Kim Ladd asked if the HACC ever schedules playground inspections for Epley Park. Do the schools? If the schools maintain it, then is it their liability?

It was originally funded by the Hartland JayCees and given to the schools. The schools designed it.

The consensus tonight for the group attending is that we will not pursue replacement or repair of the pavilion.

Heritage Day

Several of the folks here tonight were there at the day. Gary thanks Heidi for the great effort. It was a disappointing attendance. Weather did not help. The Questers were able to move into the Cornillaud garage and office, but some just left when it started raining. The whole group at Ore Creek for the Loot in the Boot left early because of the wind blowing their tents away. The 4-H petting zoo had cancelled the night before. The saddle display at the Hall was very good. Doug suggested that a later start might be better.

Gary reported that Jan Cornillaud knew that a lot of people didn't know about the event. Heidi ended up being a one-woman show and invested so much time and work. Everyone agrees that it

needs to be a committee, although Gary noted that we have tried that, too. Gary noted that there are so many of these kinds of events now in the area. It is not unique.

Barbara again asked what is the point of this event? Ginny responded that the original intent was to educate about the long-time fixtures of the community—Waldenwoods, Music Hall, Museum, Library. Its intent was to teach and learn the history of Hartland—something that amazed and fascinated Ginny when she first moved here. It wasn't about numbers or fund-raising. Ginny's day this year was made when a 16-year-old came early and knocked on the Music Hall because he had never seen the inside of the Hall.

Ginny moved that the Community Council no longer hold Heritage Day. Doug Kuhn seconded. Discussion: Larry Ciofu disagrees. Ginny noted that it could be an open house of the Village "gems." Discussion followed about the need for a lot more publicity. Ceci reported that she contacted the reporters who generally cover our area and asked why the event wasn't in the calendar—no answer. Gregg Schkade stated that we need to use social media. Jacob said he has put together a Facebook page. Kim Ladd said that she felt the vendors' role was really just to connect the dots from unique place to place.

After more discussion, Jacob would like to hear from Heidi and to assure there would be a committee and have it not all fall on her next year. Doug moved to table the motion until the next meeting. The first motion on the floor had not been addressed, so this was unfounded.

Gregg Schkade from the Fire Dept would like HACC to consider matching the date for Hartland's History event to coincide with Fire Prevention Month and Week, probably in October. This is a big event for most of the county's Fire Departments. Dick said that what happened this year is exactly what has happened each year for the last four or five years—it ends up with one person doing nearly all the work and that isn't enough. Dick said that few of the people in this group are avid social media users. We've focused on September to count on the communications through the schools but that has not been successful since changes there.

On the first motion that Community Council no longer hold Heritage Day the motion was defeated 7 nays to 5 ayes.

Jacob will follow up with Heidi on Heritage Day.

Memorial Day Run

Matt Devitt is here to hear what the issues are. Jacob has not been able to reach and connect with the Athletic Director. Matt heard from Jim Sparks that the run is up to be cancelled so Matt came. The main issue is about the traffic and the parade. Jacob and Matt are to talk following this meeting.

Community Announcements

The roof project is moving forward. Materials are coming in next week. Dumpster has arrived. Gary asked if all of the money has been raised. Doug said no, but enough has been raised to proceed.

Kim reminded everyone that the Hartland Senior Center has the BIG show at the end of this month—Me and My Shadow. The event incorporates EVERYONE. Four shows Oct 21 and 22 at 1:00 pm, Oct 23 and 24 at 7:00 pm.

Ginny reported that the Hartland Players offer Lend Me a Tenor—Oct 9-18. Tickets at Cromaine, online, and at the door.

Kim moved adjournment at 7:50 pm; Doug Kuhn seconded.