

NMCC Minutes

July 14, 2011

Co-chair Louise Yohalem called the meeting to order at 4:15. Absent were Susan Bilodeau, Maureen Hosford, and Ned MacDowell. The minutes of the June 9 meeting were approved.

Owen Hoberman gave the treasurer's report. The balance on hand is \$6960.49. The state grant has not yet been received, but apparently this is because our paperwork got lost at Town Hall. It now has been sent to the MCC, so the grant should be received shortly. Owen also said he needed the term expiration dates for all members to update the list for the town.

Louise thanked the outgoing Council members for their six years of service to the Council: Sheila Fitzpatrick, Owen Hoberman, Brian Mikesell, and Mary Richie Smith. They will be missed.

Louise also welcomed the new members of the Council: Cam Adams, Susan Bilodeau, Alan Lombardi, Michele Shalaby, Margie Shapiro, and Tom Weeks. They were unanimously elected by the Council. Cam, Michele, and Margie have to be formally appointed by the Selectmen, and this will be done soon.

The following nominations were made for officers for the coming year:

Co-chairs: Nikki Hayes and Barbara Lowman

Treasurer: Tom Weeks

Secretary: Michele Shalaby

They were unanimously elected. Co-chair Barbara continued the meeting.

Burritt Day plans were discussed. The poster was reviewed, and a couple of changes were suggested. Owen will call Jim Kelly to confirm the face-painting. Owen and Alan will learn how to set up the Weeks' tent, which we are borrowing. Nikki reported 6 vendors for sure, with 3 more possible. She will send emails to former vendors to remind them of the fair. The Fire Company contributes \$300 toward the cost of publicity; either Owen or Louise will contact David Smith to get that ball rolling. (One should not try to chair a meeting and take minutes at the same time!) Owen will contact Kolburne School to set up students to help with the set-up on Friday afternoon. Louise will double-check with Herb Abelow about his animals for the petting zoo, and will also prepare the press release about Burritt Day. Sheila reported that the 5K race is all set. Barbara will contact Dorothea Burnett about presenting the awards, and will take care of shepherding her around. Sheila will get bottled water; Barbara will arrange with Scott Farrell to put traffic cones on Route 57 at both ends of Branch Road where the runners will be crossing. And Louise needs someone to cover for her at the White Elephant drop-off on August 6.

Under Old Business, Owen wanted to confirm the language for the Elihu Burritt Award Plaque. It should read: Town of New Marlborough
Elihu Burritt Award

The Council confirmed this and authorized Owen to order the plaque for \$125, and \$2 per name plate.

Louise passed out fliers for “Free Fridays”, a state-wide program of free admissions to a variety of attractions.

Joyce said that someone had approached her about a yoga program, wondering if it was something appropriate for a grant application. The Council felt that as a community service, it could certainly be considered.

Louise noted that at the August meeting, the Council should set the level of funding for this year’s grant cycle, and draw up guidelines for applicants. Alan inquired about the required Community Input meeting, and Louise said that it is due during the 2011-12 year.

The next meeting will be August 11 at 4:15 at the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Lowman
Ex-secretary