

## Minutes of Heart & Soul Meeting September 5, 2019

Attendees: Katie Sawicki, Greg Noyes, Diana Rancourt, Les Klinefelter, Georgiana Carr, Angie Flanagan, Suzanne Routhier, Julie Nadeau, Terrie Herr, Josee Berry

### Previous Minutes

- Handed out, reviewed for August 1, 2019 meetings. Les moved to approve; Diana seconded. All in favor.

### Review of documents

- After Action Report – Les moved to approve; Katie seconded. All in favor.
- Letter to school teachers for feedback from community youth – add “is transportation an issue?” – Les moved to approve; Diana seconded. All in favor. Greg will be attending a Vibrant Economy meeting that focuses on involving youth. He will provide what he learns at this meeting.
- Write up for the newspapers – Diana moved to approve; Greg seconded. All in favor. Les will send to the newspapers.
- Terrie failed to get a thank you note for the American Legion Post 47. A CNC card will be at the Town Office for everyone to sign before she and Georgiana meet with them on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.
- Diana will price the cost for printing correspondence

### Guest Speaker Josee Berry

- Josee spoke of Samhsa’s Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies training that she received on substance abuse and wanted to ask if this was something that Canaan. Naturally Connected would want to take part. She handed out an information sheet which provided the group information on the process.
- More training will be available in the future with no cost provided by the State of Vermont.
- As the focus directly relates to our mission, we unanimously agreed to help in any way that we can to implement this framework.
- An immediate partnership discussion took place between Josee and member Suzanne Routhier who leads the Canaan NEKCA office.
- Discussions ensued about the Backpack Program and the lack of services that are known in our area for when people are found needing services. This dovetailed into why the Volunteer Fair is so important.

### Financial Report

- There was no Financial Report available as the Treasurer has no way to acquire the information.
- Frankie and Greg need to go to Bangor Savings Bank with Georgiana to get her name on the account as well as checks and statements. The address on the checks will need to be changed as well.

### Current Projects

- Fletcher Park fountain; Angie still had not heard from the Lapierre's at the time of the meeting. September 6<sup>th</sup> she received a quote of \$14,345.00. This is not in our budget at this time. Angie said she would continue looking for other quotes. Discussion about a new pump and Greg said that a quote should be brought to the Town Selectboard.
- Welcome Canaan signs; April Lemay heard from Mike Forbush and he would get a price by this week. Angie said that no class meetings had taken place but she would follow-up with the senior class advisor about a donation which they had discussed previously.
- Tillotson Grant for Pioneer Trail and Welcome to Canaan signs - Les stated that there are two different Tillotson grants. The Tillotson North Country fund has an October deadline with awards of between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The Neil and Louise Tillotson grant has a January deadline. This one needs specifics such as the project(s), materials, costs, etc. Terrie moved to have Les begin work on these grants; Greg seconded. All in favor.
- Greg is going to meet with Steve Ellis in the next two weeks to discuss their Pioneer Trail, process, materials, costs, etc.
- Fundraising ideas to target top 3 short and long term projects – discussion and was decided to get a table at the Canaan Craft Fair on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Will have information about CNC, projects, and opportunities to help out as well as the upcoming Volunteer Fair. We will also have a raffle. Nothing decided on what item(s) would be raffled. Will provide ideas or donations via email amongst each other in the interim.
- We need to compose a letter to Ethan Allen requesting the donation of the land in Canaan. Terrie will compose something and send to members for approval. Possible uses for the land are affordable housing, assisted living facility with adult and child daycare, tiny home village.
- Greg will contact Rural Edge to get a date for them to attend a CNC meeting.

### Volunteer Fair

- It was decided by the group to send a letter to organizations/businesses in the Canaan/Beecher Falls/West Stewartstown/Norton area. This letter has already been drafted and sent to members.
- The group decided that Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00-3:00 will be the date for the Volunteer Fair.
- On October 24<sup>th</sup>, NEKCA will provide the venue for “Cake, Coffee, Collaborate” for those that wish more clarification on the Volunteer Fair or those that want to participate that we did not touch base with our letter.
- The group will provide desserts and coffee/tea/water for refreshments.
- Diana will complete paperwork with the school for the use of the gym. She will ask if we can start setting up the night before.
- Diana will also create mailing labels for the organizations/businesses.
- Georgiana and Terrie will be attending a meeting with the American Legion Post 47 on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 7:00 to discuss the Volunteer Fair and their possible participation.

### New Business

- October 24<sup>th</sup> at NEKCA, 5:00, “Coffee, Cake, Collaborate”; immediately followed by the Board Meeting
- Trunk or Treat – in the Rec Park, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00; need to advertise for both adults providing treats and children. Adults encouraged to dress up in costume to magnify the festivities. Katie will create a Facebook post and share with Diana to put in the Quarterly Newsletter and Les to put in local newspapers.
- Third Scarecrow Contest – trying it again. It will run from October 1-31<sup>st</sup>. Diana will include in the Newsletter and fliers, Katie on Facebook and Les in newspapers. Terrie will look for some interesting prizes. If members make their creation early in the month it will provide some momentum to get others to participate. Last year the weather was not conducive. Get the school involved as well.
- Diana reminded everyone that the Quarterly Newsletter’s deadline is in two weeks.
- Suzanne is going to attend the Building Flourishing Communities at Jay Peak September 13-14. It is encouraged that all community members visit the NEKCA office in Canaan as it serves all members of the community.

Next meeting

- October 17, 2019, Grace Community Church, 5:30

Adjourn meeting:

- Les made a motion to adjourn; Katie 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor