

## Minutes of Heart & Soul Meeting, September 6, 2018

Attendees: Les Klinefelter, Steve Masson (coach), Greg Noyes, Georgiana Carr, Diana Rancourt, Katie Sawicki, Trish Sears, Sally Corliss, Terrie Herr

### Introductions

- Welcome to Sally Corliss! She already knew most of us at the table. Those she did not introduced themselves.

### Review agenda

- Approved

### Previous Minutes

- Les moved to accept; Greg second; approved

### Financial Report

- Les moved to accept; Greg second; approved

### Update on NECKA meetings with Canaan community

- Sue Phinney was given a lot of credit for getting this started.
- Last meeting there was a feeling of optimism; working with Colebrook; new Executive Director will be a positive move; new person in the Canaan NEKCA office who has already dropped off food boxes at various locations and sprucing up the rooms at the Canaan office
- Suggested that they should meet quarterly with the Canaan community
- Lot of people came to the meetings; Heart & Soul is getting a lot of publicity through these meetings
- Suggested that NEKCA should have a Facebook page which would generate more publicity
- Information was sent to NEKCA for them to have a write up in the publication for the next Canaan newsletter
- Question was raised if there was now access for RCT; have volunteer drivers; the Connecticut River shouldn't be an issue (this has been resolved) ; Vermont and New Hampshire need to work together for the good of its people

### Update on Stories for September Canaan Newsletter (Deadline: Thursday, September 13)

- Reporters assigned for the recent activities to include H&S value statements; Stewartstown Day Parade (Diana/Greg); Moose Festival (Greg/Georgiana)
- H&S won \$75.00 and a ribbon for Most Original at the Stewartstown Day Parade

### Phase III Steps/training

- Phase III Training will occur October 5 from 4:00-7:00 (therefore there will be no meeting on October 4)
- Refreshments: Subway (GCC) and cookies (Diana/Georgiana); advertisements will be on Base Camp and email
- An Action Plan will be developed dovetailing the town's Action Plan and involving NEKCA

### Update on 501©3 process

- It is strongly suggested to have an attorney look at it before submission; Laura Wilson from Guildhall, VT was suggested (pro bono)

#### New Business

- Terrie discussed Mike Rowe's Facebook weekly submissions titled "Returning the Favor"; these are stories from around the United States that do unbelievable things for their community ; strongly recommended that members of H&S look at past uploads and to subscribe to follow for future episodes
- Georgiana is purchasing mums to be placed around the fountain in Fletcher Park
- Steve's fee of \$2000 a month will be brought down to \$1000 a month from now until the end of April. He and Trish are attending Phase III training before our event. Steve will be training us and working on Phase III (5 months), working on the 501(c) 3 process, attend the NH Charitable meeting to discuss our progress/projects; will report to NH Charitable and Orton for partnerships. The community projects will partner with the municipality; not a Canaan thing but a North Country thing. Tillotson group is looking forward to this, so is very positive. A lot of projects are waiting to get done.
- Steve and Trish attended a meeting in Colorado with Orton. Canaan was discussed as how self-directed we are as a team – "they were amazed". Steve wanted to get with Orton management (Dave Lackey) to state how we are doing things, how we feel handcuffed due to the Orton process. The stated that we shouldn't have been stuck. Mr. Lackey wants to visit Canaan and attend an H&S meeting.
- Canaan Town Forest; bike path; possibly tap Jonathan Dodge for it to be a combined bike and x-country path so it can be utilized year round; volunteers would be needed; Greg will need to discuss with Chris Masson and Morgan Wade.
- Scarecrow competition (3<sup>rd</sup> one) beginning October 8-30<sup>th</sup>; Diana will update the poster; winners will be selected at the following H&S meeting; we (Frankie and/or Jonah) should create a YouTube video of the scarecrows to be uploaded on our site
- Received a thank you note from Grace Community Church
- Received \$26.00 from the Canaan Historical Society paying for ½ of our table at the Moose Festival as Georgiana sold DVDs and took a donation for them.
- Rural Edge looking for an Executive Director; people are being interviewed
- Frankie is supposed to ask the Canaan School if they would be interested in borrowing our former and present Presidents for a display from our float
- School Homecoming September 7th

#### Old Business:

- Greg and Georgiana reflected on the Moose Festival and the happenings while there; good crowd; positive; Greg engaged in discussion with representatives of our County.

#### Next Full Meeting

- **Phase III training will take the place of our meeting in October; October 5, Canaan Town Office, 4:00-7:00 PM, refreshments available**

#### Motion to Adjourn:

- Diana moved to adjourn; Katie second; approved.