



**In attendance:** Neil Stafford, Jim Alden, Larry Berg, Gerald Winn, Ray Cloutier, Dick Hamilton, Stan Fillion, George Kirk, Jan Carver, Naomi Reinhard, John Alberini, Aaren James, Chad Stearns, Janet Parker, & Chuck Connell

**Absent:** Alycia Vosinek, Wendy Mason, Jani Fillion, Mike Claffin

**Guests:**

Meeting called to order at 7:39 am by Neil Stafford. Neil opened by stating that he feels this is a great time for us to lead the way in bring together the community with both the Opera House and Main Street Reconstruction upon us.

**April Meeting Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Larry motioned to accept the April minutes, Dick seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Executive Directors Report:**

- Chad Announced that we had 2 new member, 24 renewing members, and 1 dropped members
- Chad recorded 112 casual encounters with members, and another 8 scheduled meetings with members.
- Chad attended 35 meetings/events throughout the month. A majority of these meetings involved the trade show committee as well as meetings for Main Street Reconstruction.
- Chad noted that Business After Hours was held at the Riverglen House along with Pollyanna, and there was a huge attendance. He noted that the next Business after Hours will be held May 27<sup>th</sup> on Main Street with a location to be named soon.
- Chad noted that the golf committee was coming along well
- Chad noted that we have come along great with our 2009 plan, and is pleased with the progress made this year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Alycia was unable to attend the meeting, and had Chad report on the financials. Chad reported that the financials look great and that since the end of April, over \$1,500 had been collected that can be taken off the Aging Summary. Assets and Net Income are both up, and expenses are under budget. Dick made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report, George seconded, and the board unanimously approved. Chad went over the write-off recommendations and discussions needed. A few board members took on the responsibility of contacting these individuals.

**New Business:**

- Chuck Connell apologized for not having the lease ready for the meeting, and said that he would have it available as soon as town council approved. He felt that both parties would be happy with the lease as the selectmen were happy with the ideas brought forth from the opera house committee.



- Neil felt that Reconstruction was seeming to get old with many people in town, and that we need to work on marketing and making it more fun. Chuck stated that although it seems like they have been in the same spot for some time, that in fact much progress had been made.
- Chad stated that he is working with the post office and Heather Porter from AHEAD on a map for postal drop boxes, and will also work on one for FED EX, DHL, and UPS.
- George stated that he was working on getting a camera from Channel 9 to be focused on Main Street, and asked that the Chamber allot \$2500 to help pay for this. Jim Made the motion to allocate \$2500 for this purpose, Dick seconded, and the board unanimously approved.
- Chad stated that he and Alycia both felt it was time to send out RFP's for the Banking accounts, and that he needed volunteers. George volunteered for this committee, and others were urged to once they have had time to think about it.
- Neil mentioned that perhaps we should discontinue the summer concert series as it has had poor attendance and value when considering the prices and attendance. After a brief discussion, Naomi agreed to take it under the Marketing Committees wings to try and bring it back to what it once was.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Marketing:** (NR) – Naomi noted that the Marketing Committee will be meeting tomorrow to discuss where they are with everything.

**Membership:** (JC) – Jan stated that the folders were almost completed.

**Taste of the North Country:** (LB) – Larry stated that everything was running smooth with the Taste.

The board then went into a private meeting to discuss personnel

Meeting adjourned at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Stearns  
Executive Director