

## **Waterbury Community Development Committee Minutes of Meeting for May 11, 2005**

Present: Carol O'Neill, Chairperson, Ted Schultheis, Ken Feld, Missy Parks, Mary Miller and Milly Badger

Absent: Steve VanEsen

The Meeting began at 6:05 pm with Carol informing the Board that there would be two guests this evening. D. Schneider from the Waterbury Rotary Club and the Resource Network, Consultants on the renovation of the train station for GMCR.

Mr. Schneider was our first guest and asked if WCDC would be interested in endorsing the idea of one single event/festival for the annual Fourth of July celebration, whereby, many local organizations would participate and in turn, be a fund raiser for each group. Mr. Schneider asked if WCDC would be willing, along with the Rotary, in participating in such an event. WCDC said we would be interested but we need more information as to what would be required of the Committee, etc. The goal in having a single super celebration would be to draw people to the area from other parts of the state as well as those vacationing in our area from out of state. According to Mr. Schneider, we would start small with a single event and go forward from there. The Rotary Club can contact Carol O'Neill when more information is available.

Missy and Mary prepared postcards for mailing to local businesses 'hilitating' the WCDC website so we may encourage the advertising of businesses on the website.

There was discussion about two potential borrowers. Carol stated these two applicants are aware of the process and will come to us if there is a need to borrow funds. We also spoke about two new businesses coming into Waterbury and what WCDC could do for them.

Richard Rodgers and Jim Sneider, representing Resource Network, were our next guests. Resource Network was retained by GMRC to develop a 'the Story of Waterbury Theme', for the Visitor Center at the renovated train station. Resource Network's goal is to interview several community organizations to gather information about Waterbury. One theory Mr. Rodgers gave was, "Is it more important to tell the GMCR story or the story of Waterbury and what is great about the Waterbuty story." Presently, Resource Network is in the investigative stage to find the kinds of information available and appropriate from the respective groups. Resource Network will return for a second interview with each organization where they will discuss and edit the given information. Carol explained to Resource Network what we do and what we represent to the community. Ted stated that WCDC interviews, screens and recommends loan applicants to the Trustees and the Trustees, in turn, approve/disapprove the loans. WCDC also promotes various projects in the community. If possible, Resource Network would like to get all of the information to them before June 1, 2005. Carol asked the Committee to put our ideas together for Resource Network and perhaps meet with Revitalizing Waterbury to discuss them further. A site walk at the train station is scheduled for Friday at 12:30 pm and Resource Network asked if a representative from WCDC could attend. Ken Feld will attend on behalf of WCDC.

Mary asked who was writing the June WCDC article for Exit 10. Ted stated he was doing the June article and Carol was scheduled to do the July article.

Mary asked if the Selectboard/Trustees were aware of the two vacancies existing on the WCDC Committee? Carol told the group she has one person interested in becoming a member of our Committee. Carol will contact the Selectboard and Trustees to begin the application and confirmation process.

Carol asked the Committee to bring their ideas about the 'Waterbury Story' to our next meeting.

There being no more business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully,

Mildred Badger  
Secretary

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