

Bantam Civic Association

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Bantam Civic Association Minutes

February 7, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Bantam Civic Association was called to order at 5:05 p.m. at The Bantam Borough Hall by Paul Griffen, President

Members Present: Dick Sheldon, Kim Griffen, Jeanie Sanford, Lauren Sage, Jane Golding, Val Caron, Leslie Caron, John Caron, Jeff Porter, Katie LaPointe, Kyle Towne, Terry Syzmanski, JJ Annable, Wendy Westcott.

Review ByLaws and Acts of Incorporation: Copies passed. Paul: Membership rules: Active member must attend min 3 meetings within 6 month period, and during fiscal year attend 50% of all functions. All new members are inactive for 3-month period. Inactive members cannot make motion or vote. Paul brings to attention because inactive member Dan Boomer Parsons 2nd a motion and voted last meeting, which is against bylaws.

Leslie: Last meeting, 3 members planned to file old BCA records. Asks Paul who went through records and filed? Kim and Paul went through them, stored in vault. Paul: very little was BCA material, most was old Cemetery records. Kim offers to research old Cemetery records in town hall.

Jeff: questions Bylaws Article 6: Litchfield residents of voting age can be member, should amend this requirement. Paul: have discussed updating bylaws in past, can amend bylaws to include non-residents of surrounding towns and would like to form a subcommittee to hold special meeting in order to review and update the original 1974 bylaws. Val, Katie, Jeff, Kim volunteer for subcommittee. Paul to be present. Kim will provide copies of current bylaws to members and record minutes if subcommittee wants minutes. Dick makes motion to set committee to review and make recommendations to update bylaws, Association to vote on changes. Val seconds. Motion passes.

Paul: The question of assets brought up at last meeting- according to current Acts of Corporation, if a dissolution of corporation, board of directors must distribute remaining assets to charitable organizations.

Jane: When does BCA clock start? First gathered July 2022. Paul: ByLaws state clock starts September but bylaws can be changed by special committee.

Leslie: questions last election for records? Annual meeting date should be noted on website.

Jeff: Refers to July 6, 2022, meeting minutes when officer vote took place- from website.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from January's meeting were presented, 6 corrections. Jeff motions to accept revised minutes, Kim seconds. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: \$30,767.47 balance after \$1469.85 in bills paid. Jeannie squaring away Lauren as second signer to Union Savings checking account. Money coming in for Farmer's Market for 2024 season.

Discuss and vote for fencing for parking lot: Atlas is \$6k less than any other quote, labor at \$1500. Jane: questions 10x10 timber guiderail. If other are 4x8x10. Jeff: misprint, should be vertical post. Dick: Motion to accept Atlas quote pending verification of posts. Kim seconds. Motion passes. Jane: Metal fencing must be removed. Dick: when is this going to happen? Paul: will call them to verify first, deposit.

Shed: Paul: to be delivered anytime. Kyle: earth soft now- questions prepping grounds for shed now? Can make pad, but suggests waiting, more damage at this time. Hold off, if no extra cost, weather permitting.

Review and discuss quote for baseball fence repair: Kim: quote for baseball fencing repair from the company Cornerstone Fence and Ornamental Gate Co. which did the original fence. Price \$7500. Motion by Dick to fix fence, Katie seconds, motion passes. (later in meeting fence repair tabled by Paul until Kim can find estimate. Later meeting, voted on again and approve)
Paul: Improve lights for field may be next project. In discussion with Little League for future use.

Status of Grant Applications, quotes for equipment and materials

Lauren continues to find grants. Northwest Community Bank February deadline for April decision. CT Community Foundation, will research application cycle/process. Letter going to Litchfield/ Morris Rotary Club for donation. Lion's Club has given donation in past.

Kim going back to Seher Thoss, need specific requests by Feb 15 for application. Bleachers in Torrington are nice, refer to them for application. Have money in account for fencing repair. Must send photos of completed projects to Seher Toss. Must have estimate of cost for Pavilion repairs/base drainage, defer to Kyle for costs to present to Seher Thoss so specific amount can be requested. Kim will reach out to Kyle to obtain specific repair costs in advance of Feb 15 application. Kim: Will apply to Webster Bank- qualify adult or children's playground equipment. Must specify before application. Further discussion of grants for lights/updating lights. No usage history for Eversource to determine costs. Sports that use lights- soccer in June, July.

Public Input and Correspondence

Lauren: parent complaint about safety issue of edge of older playground equipment. Paul: older equipment is most popular. Discussion to explore cutting/recoating/repair. To be continued.

Other business:

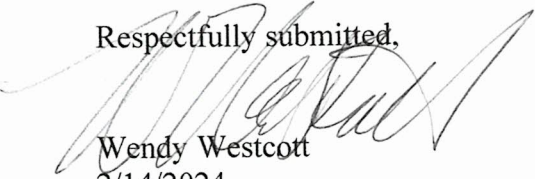
Dick: One time Donation to Litchfield Social Service, gratis for insurance. Jane continues to mow/enjoys using her own mower on field. Terry/son Collin offered to service current mower. Members: reiterate to submit bill. Val: current mower is 13 years old. He found a used Hustler at Goffs for \$7200., reduced cost by \$2700 for Non-profit. Paul: Down the road, look at new mower. Dick: suggest Seher Thoss for grant for mower in the future. Paul: Terry should bill for limestone. Discussion of repairs pavilion and field.

Park opening date for season? Jeff: Shoot for first week of April. Paul: Park opens when weather allows.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 6:12 made by Dick. Jane seconds. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Westcott
2/14/2024
