

Minutes of the Meeting – March 20, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alton Business Assoc. was held on March 20, 2013 at the Gilman Museum and was opened at 6:40 by Chair Chris Racine. All other officers were present: Vice Chair Roger Sample, Treasurer Carolyn Schaeffner, Secretary Leslie Rentel, and Director Ashley Campo. There were 4 others members present.

Chairs Report: Chris welcomed members and had introductions made.

Treasurers Report: The report was read, including the final Winter Carnival report. After discussion, a motion was made by Leslie to accept with minor name correction. Motion passed. A motion was made by Kelley to repay Carolyn for the purchase of Quick Books on-line (\$59.99). This will allow for the easier passing of information to future treasurers. Motion passed.

Secretaries Report: Last month's minutes were read and approved. Bob Butler made a motion to officially commend everyone who worked so hard to make the Winter Carnival possible.

New Business: Robert Butler presented his ideas of an Alton/Alton Bay Beautification Award which included a 12 step award process. The award would be presented during the August Concert at the Bay. The award gift certificates will be reimbursed by R. Butler to the donors at their cost. He stated that the intent was for the contest to center on the urban core of the town (from the traffic circle to the Bay Community Center) and the time span of eligibility was for work done between July 2012 and June 2013. There was discussion regarding the last 2 requirements with many options given. No decision was made and the topic was agreed to be continued at a meeting at the Profile Bank on Thursday, March 21 (at 1PM.) This is the second time he has presented this to the ABA. The last time was August 2012.

Committee Reports:

Membership: 172 membership drive letters and applications have been mailed. 15 memberships have been received which include 11 renewals from 2012, 1 lapsed membership renewal, and 3 new memberships. 5 members have requested plaques. Leslie had contacted Granite State Laser regarding having new plaques made. They provided a partial list of plaques made in the past and regrettably stated that the future price would have to be increased from \$12 to \$24 (still half the going price.) Reuben made a motion that we approach Tut's Trophy for prices and to see if they could make plaques which might be more visually appealing. Leslie will contact them next week. Bob Butler suggested that the ABA research setting up a Facebook page. Carolyn will look into this.

Scholarship Award: A rewritten application was presented by Reuben and Carolyn. The award would go to an Alton student attending the Laconia Vocational College and would go directly through the college. Minor changes to the form were discussed and a completed application will be presented at next month's meeting. Leslie will inform the PMHS of our intent to not issue the scholarship through the High School this year.

Ice Out: 51 contest entries have been received.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Leslie Rentel – Secretary ABA