

FRYEBURG BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 5:30 pm

Fryeburg Fairgrounds

Minutes

**1. Call to Order/Declaration of Quorum/Welcome/Introductions:**

President Donna Woodward called the meeting to order at 5:32. With three voting members present, a quorum was not declared for any voting purposes.

**2. Secretary's Report:** Without a quorum, minutes were not voted on for approval.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Donna Woodward presented the treasurers report. Balance is \$13,161.39. Without a quorum, the budget was not voted on for approval.

**4. Old Business**

- a. Website: Reported by DW. Donna will add when each member joined the association from information gained from Holly Foster. DW requests business send any photos, business updates and calendar events to [fba@fryeburgbusiness.com](mailto:fba@fryeburgbusiness.com)
- b. Business – Student Program/Mentoring: There were four responses from survey that was sent out recently. Curriculum and program is already in place at Norway Saving and they are happy to share. Job Fair is not yet scheduled. There are many companies and associations not in FBA that will certainly be able to (and is assumed) participate. i.e., Hospital, military, Pietree Orchard, Architectural firm.

**5. New Business**

a. FBA stickers: 250 stickers were made and approximately 40 have been personally distributed. Stickers will also be mailed with the December mailing of invoices.

b. Bylaws: Tabled.

c. Nestles: There is false information and attacks on the internet and it has a negative effect on our community and MUST be addressed. Here is a piece of the posting which is nothing more than a non-profit organization trying to raise money on false pretenses at Fryeburg's cost. From the Food & Water Watch: *"The town of Fryeburg, Maine, is not big – but it's got a huge problem on its hands. Nestle is pushing the town to turn over its water system in a contract that could last as long as 45 years! Now, we're in the midst of an expensive legal battle to protect Fryeburg's water and stop this contract from going through. Can you help us pay for lawyer fees by chipping in to our flight to stop Nestle?"*

- There is no lawsuit.
- Town is organization that controls water.
- Dick Krasker will speak with selectmen and Town Manager on Thursday about getting the facts out to the public in response to these false

statements that Fryeburg is in the midst of legal battles and that they are being forced to turn over their water supply.

- Question on the table: What should FBA do?
- Suggested FBA to write an article, not a commentary, for the newspapers and to be sent to the FBA membership. Wanda to write, Donna W to post, David to email.
- d. It is requested that all committee chairs send their budget request for the year to [FBA@FryeburgBusiness.com](mailto:FBA@FryeburgBusiness.com) before Oct 15<sup>th</sup> to be approved and presented at the November meeting.

## 6. Committee Reports

- a. Membership Committee Report. Holly Foster reported that since January 2014 there have been 16 new members. 116 total members. Holly will identify when each member joined the association and send information to Donna Woodward.
- b. Bradley Park Concerts: Concerts were extremely successful. Counselors from local camps brought the kids to the first night's event.
- c. Economic Development Committee Report. Holly Foster reported: Last meeting was June 2014. Next meeting will be scheduled October 15 or 16, 2014. Holly explained she is not the chair of the Economic Development Committee and it would be best to describe her as liaison. It was suggested the Fryeburg Planning Board should be invited to the Economic Development Committee meetings since each group has information pertinent to each other.
- d. Western Maine Economic Council. No report

## 7. Communications

- a. Mount Washington Valley Chamber: No report.
  - i. Members of the FBA are members of MWVCC and GBLRCC
- b. Greater Bridgton Area Chamber of Commerce: Reported that the BrewFest was happening at Point Sebago on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>.

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- a. Wanda Richards-Cox followed up on monies supposedly earmarked for Economic Development for Fryeburg. This money was not specified for FBA but for the town in general for Economic development expenses and needs.
- b. Jennifer Regan questioned the monument project. Information has been provided to the group that there is no longer a town beautification committee. This conversation was table due to time constraints.
- c. When people ask what Fryeburg Business Association does for them, the kids tax program is a good example. The police department wanted to do something special in the town. FBA suggested more visibility and worked closely with Fryeburg PD to create the kids tax program. When a child is spotted in town doing something good, right, or special they are given a citation and coupon from a local business i.e., Froggies. An interested community member, Wayne Cadman, requested information about kids tax program. He wants to host a

dinner with the proceeds going to support this program. This program has also opened doors to the local kids to feel safe and comfortable to go to a policeman if necessary.

9. Next meeting will be November 18, 2014 at 5:30 pm at Fryeburg Fairgrounds meeting room. Nominations for Board of Directors and voting will be completed.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm
11. Guest Speaker: Theresa Kennett. See Attachment

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Donna M. Pearce*

Donna M. Pearce, Secretary