

Notes drafted by Anita Lichman

Participants: Ash Kahrl, Dena Bachman, Erin Hart, Camille Kauffunger, Anita Lichman

November 30, 2016

Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes

2. Welcome Ash

3. Fall Festival Debrief

4. RSU1 Board Meeting Update

5. Scholarship Committee

### **1. Approve Minutes**

Minutes were approved. **Anita** will forward final minutes from the October 2016 meeting to the Town webmaster to post for public viewing. Camille explored the possibility of routinizing emailing the final notes to the group prior to the final meeting and it was agreed that **Anita** will forward the final notes to the group prior to the next meeting for the group to approve in person.

2. The group **welcomed Ash Kahrl** to the Committee and shared the mission, mandates and priorities of the Committee. Ash expressed interest in formally becoming involved with the Committee and Camille agreed to include Ash in the communication about re-swearing/swearing in all members of the Committee.

### **3. Fall Festival Debrief**

The group reviewed the fall festival.

-discussion of identifying target group for the festival, this year logo and language did not include a focus on families or youth and there were some adults without children in attendance. The group agreed to be strategic and specific about target group to maximize efforts to reach goals.

-discussion of the possibility of adding a pot-luck element to bring an increased community aspect, shared meal, to the fall festival next year.

-highlights include the firetruck (with suggestion of having the firefighter in uniform next year), cider pressing, press coverage, and having approximately 50 people in attendance.

-possibilities of a climbing wall, increased youth leadership and recruitment with a focus on teens, and completing a survey to review the needs/wants of the community and explore the match between those needs/wants with activities such as a series of educational talks and/or learning seminars, matching program between experts in the community and the members of the community to expand educational opportunities/pursuits.

### **4. RSU1 Board Update**

Dena & Anita shared reports from the October & November Board meetings respectively. A heavy focus of the reports were on the new high school building project. The Committee agreed to watch for the schedule of meetings and the straw poll to be published in order to communicate the schedule to Arrowsic town members. There was a note for Committee members to watch for financial information that may impact town taxes or become a voting option in the future and establish ways to communicate that information to the town. Other highlights from the Board meetings were a note about the MLTI (ipad program) being watched closely and the newly started Maine Maritime program, privately funded, focused on establishing a sense of place with students in the RSU.

### **5. Scholarship Committee**

Anita & Camille have a meeting in the new year planned with the select board to secure historical context about the scholarship committee. **Anita** will prepare information that can be shared with town members and posted on the town website for Committee review at the next meeting. Further work includes focusing on fundraising efforts and identifying annual goals and work cycle for the scholarships.

#### Next Steps

1. **Anita** will forward final minutes from the October 2016 meeting to the Town webmaster to post for public viewing.
2. Anita will forward draft and final notes of the November meeting to the group to review prior to the next Committee meeting.
3. **Camille** agreed to follow up with Tim Harkins to inquire about a specific date for the straw poll related to the high school building project.
4. **Camille** agreed to share term limits and reappointments of everyone on the Committee & schedule re-swearing/swearing in for those re-appointed.
5. **Anita** will prepare information that can be shared with town members and posted on the town website for Committee review at the next meeting.

#### Committee's Annual Tasks

- 1) Create annual monthly meeting schedule & post on town calendar, Google Town calendar, and Arrow publication. (AUGUST)
- 2) Identify Arrow newsletter submission dates, coordinate submission dates with Committee meetings to ensure timely announcements/material from the Committee in the newsletter (2015-2016 months of publication are listed as August, November, February, May). (AUGUST)
- 3) Secure RSU1 School Board meeting schedule & assign Committee members to attend & report back to the Committee (SEPTEMBER)
- 4) Identify date & outreach schedule for the Fall Festival., create event work plan. (SEPTEMBER)
- 5) Review term limits & schedule reappointments, recruitment, and swearing in ceremony. (SEPTEMBER)

-Three year terms: TBD, Camille (Expire September 2017)

-Two year terms: Matt, Anita (Expire September 2016)

-One year terms: Erin (Expire September 2016)

- 6) RSU1 Student List Review & Approval (OCTOBER)
- 7) Announce Pre-K information session & RSU1 school registration deadline. (MARCH)
- 8) Town Annual Report (MARCH)
- 9) RSU1 Student List Review & Approval (APRIL)
- 10) Submit annual Committee budget request to Select Board. (APRIL)
- 11) Create summer activity schedule (i.e. Clam Camp etc.). (APRIL)
- 12) Prepare for Town meeting presentation. (JUNE)

Meeting adjourned 7:05pm. The next meeting is January 26th, 2017 Thursday at 6pm at Town Hall.