

Winterport Area Business Association Meeting
Winterport House of Pizza, Main Street, Winterport, Maine
Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Meeting began at 7:10 a.m. and the Mission Statement was read.

Introductions of those members in attendance were conducted:

Bernie Littlefield, BEL Portraits - President
Ann Ronco, Old Winterport Commercial House – Secretary
Tammy Higgins, T. G. Higgins Business Services - Treasurer
Phil Higgins, T.G. Higgins Business Services
Deb White, White's Farm / Milk Room Gallery
Mike Anderson, Winterport Winery/Pairings/Penobscot Bay Brewery
Joan Anderson, Winterport Winery/Pairings/Penobscot Bay Brewery
Ray Ronco, A&R Associates
Joe Brooks – Town Council
Val Haskins - Shaklee
Phil Pitula, Town Manager

The meeting minutes of Wednesday, June 8, 2011 was voted on and approved unanimously.

Tammy reported the association's bank account totals \$2,224.40.

Phil P. told us that the Winterport Music Festival's insurance carrier needed to know the following:

- Will the bounce house and dunk tank be manned by the owner.
(a. No the volunteers from WABA will be manning it.)
- Will the pony ride be tethered or owner led.
(a. Owner led.)
- Does the owner of the pony and petting zoo carry insurance?
- Can the Winterport Music Festival be named as an additional insured for all of the above?

Last year the town's insurance covered the festival. But since the money collected does not go through the town, the town's insurance company does not consider it a town event. Therefore, they will not cover the festival. Ann said she would check with Stephanie regarding the additional insured for the bounce house and dunk tank and then Betty regarding the insurance on the pony ride.

Vendors who will be at the music festival include Stu and Deb's Woodworking, a tie-dye vendor, as well as a couple of others who just recently sent in their application. Phil reminded us that the vendors must be on the grounds setting up by 10am and cannot bring their vehicles back on the field until the end of the festival.

Bernie reminded us that we are in desperate need of volunteers for the kid's area. Even if people can only give us an hour it would really help. Tammy said Tom and Marsha have volunteered to collect the money for the kid's area.

The Classic Car Show will be this Saturday, August 16 from 12noon until 6pm. Prizes are still needed for drawings. Bernie asked if WABA could offer a cash prize. Deb donated a collapsible hool-a-hoop, and the Winterport Winery will be donating a gift certificate. Bernie will be setting up a photo shoot there for the cars and their owners that afternoon. Again, volunteers are needed for this event. Ann suggested since one band wishes to be paid that we pay both bands. Phil suggested we ask the band who we currently aren't paying if they want to be paid. They may be doing it for a donation. It was also suggested to contact Olver Associates and see if they want to sponsor a band as they did last year.

Phil P. told us of the pre-festival concert at the Union Meeting House set for this Sunday, July 17 at 2pm. The band Rip Tide will be performing.

Bernie reminded us to get brochures and business cards to the association so we can advertise our members at the farmers market, the classic car show, the music festival and any other place where WABA is setup. Members are welcome to drop these off at BEL Portraits, TG Higgins Business Services, or The Old Winterport Commercial House.

Deb told us she would have vegetables at the next Farmers Market.

There is a meeting tonight, Wednesday, July 13 at Olver Associates to discuss the walking path being planned. The DEP will be there as well. The town already has money for this project from properties previously sold and Olver Associates wants to deed land over to the town too. Joe stated the DOT has a grant designed for walking trails so they are looking into that possibility.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

Next meeting set for Wednesday, August 10, 7am at the Pizza House.