

Lebanon Valley
Business Association
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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 13, 2005
Darrow School

- I) President Kay McMahon called the meeting to order.
- II) Introductions of attendees were conducted.
 - A. Debra McLaughlin announced the Grand Opening of Day Spa Services at Deb's Shear Perfection is scheduled for November 4th and 5th. There will be a wine tasting from 2:00 – 4:00 on the 5th; hors d'oeuvres will be served.
 - B. Two Candidates for Town Supervisor introduced themselves:
 - 1. David Katzenstein: **Background:** Town Board member; 4th year, previously a member of the Planning Board, former Board member and volunteer of the NL Library, volunteer fire fighter with EMS/EMT experience and training experience, LVBA member. **Issues noted as important duties of the Supervisor:** CFO of the Town, preside over Town Meetings, attend many monthly meetings with county government officials and ensure that NL's share of potential allotments are used to their fullest advantage, continue to attract the services required (broadband, mobile phone service) to bring appropriate business to the community.
 - 2. Allen Livermoore: **Background:** Former resident of the Darrow school campus. **Intention for attending the meeting:** to listen and observe. He indicated that he would be available to speak at greater length to members individually.
 - 3. Reminder: Election Day is November 8th. Meet the candidate functions will be held on October 28th and November 4th.
- III) Secretaries Report – Kristin Knickerbocker
 - A. Minutes of the September meeting were accepted into the record.
 - B. The election timeline and issues were reviewed as follows:
 - Nominating committee needs other members; members from last year will be contacted to see if they are willing to participate again.
 - Elections will be completed prior to Dec 31st.
 - New Officers take office on Feb 1st.
 - (3) Offices are up for election this year: President, Secretary and one member of the Board of Directors.
- IV) Treasurer's Report – Ginger Delano
 - A. Balance as of September 15, 2005: \$6383.32.
 - B. Revenue: \$500.00.
 - C. Expenses: \$0.
 - D. New Balance as of October 13, 2005: \$6,883.32
 - E. 11 Businesses have not yet paid their dues.
- V) Old Business
 - A. Website: contract signing to happen very soon.

- B. Membership Committee: Peggy Hawkins and Nancy Wolf will continue to work on the membership committee. They will coordinate with the Secretary to use local business lists previously generated. Peggy has offered to make personal contact with potential members and invite them to join so that they have a voice in the changes which should be happening in the area.

- C. Banners: request to re-initiate the banner committee to work on a more permanent banner/bracket solution before the holiday season was made.
 - D. Fall Festival Committee would like to thank the business community for the generous donations that helped make the Fall Festival a rousing success. This year's Festival grossed close to \$10,000.
 - E. Town Board Liaison Report – by David Katzenstein.
 - 1. Cell service - Construction of the access roadway to the tower site should begin any day. Final permits should be issued in a couple of weeks once bonding, insurance, and geotechnical issues have been resolved.
 - 2. Zoning enforcement – flagrant violators who have been issued warnings are beginning to be brought to court.
 - F. Tree Planting along Rt. 20 – Tony Murad
 - 1. Funding has been approved by the state and 30 trees will be planted along the miracle mile on state or private property with the approval of the abutting property owners.
 - 2. Object is to soften the view, slow the traffic, and get transformation of town's perception/impact initiated.
 - 3. Proposed renderings and handouts relating to effects of tree planting and results of community workshops were circulated.
 - 4. Reason LVBA is being asked to be involved: support and positive reception for initial projects is vital for getting further funding for Town initiatives.
 - 5. Reservations some members voiced were:
 - a. Burring the power/phone lines *before* planting trees would be optimal. The trees may eventually need to be trimmed around power lines and look misshapen.
 - b. Responsibility of maintenance of trees issues.
 - 6. Please contact Kay McMahon with further comments on this issue. It will be taken up at the Board level to see how best to embrace the project and not be divisive even though there are some reservations within the membership.
- VI) New Business
- A. Mobile Mammography
 - 1. This year's mobile mammography unit will be at the Fire House on December 12th.
 - 2. Flyers and further information regarding the Wellness project are forthcoming.
 - 3. The membership moved to offer our support to this project and assist in spreading the word about this December's event and "Paint the Town Pink" events for Breast Cancer Awareness Month next October.
- VII) Upcoming Meetings
- A. November – November 10, 2005 – 3:00 PM at the Darrow School, Samson Environmental Center.
 - B. December – Tree Lighting, Friday December 2nd 6:30 at the NL Firehouse.
- VIII) Meeting adjourned.

Attendees:

Larry Benson	Town Board
Carol Corrigan	New Lebanon Library
Ginger DeLano	Hitchcock House B+B
Farid Gruber	Mountain Road School
Peggy Hawkins	Retired
David Katzenstein	Vertical Spirit Trapeze + Town Board
Kristin Knickerbocker	Spring Line Design Architecture
Laura Lappies	Churchill House B&B
Allen Livermoore	Candidate for Town Supervisor
Debra McLaughlin	Deb's Shear Perfection
Kay McMahon	The Triple Nickel
Tony Murad	A. Murad Builder
Scott Peterson	New NLCSD
Peter Rawson	Rawson Realty
Lisa Saviano	With These Hands Therapeutic Massage
Judy Sharp	Judi's Journeys
Nancy Wolf	Darrow School
Jack Yurish	Town Board