

VICTOR ROUNDTABLE MEETING – May 1, 2009

ATTENDEES: Chauncey Young, Babette Huber, Kathleen Houser, Maureen Goodberlet, Tim Acquilano, John Palomaki, Mitch Donovan, Mark Ferguson, Tracy Morgan, Suzy Paquin, Jack Marren, Kathy Powers, Brian Emelson

Tracy Morgan talked about the online community calendar - that is our immediate need. She also discussed the postcard presentation for the Roundtable. We voted on a 6-inch by 9-inch postcard. Tracy passed around 3 different samples of what the postcard could look like. The group chose the “working together” postcard. We are going to print about 100 of these.

Action Item: Tracy will send these electronically to Tina, we will proof it and then place the order.

Kathy Powers gave the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard presentation and distributed a handout (attached). The Food Cupboard is looking for a new location, and she asked everyone in attendance for ideas. The Feet for Food Campaign made \$20,000, which is a new record. Kathy wants to reach out to businesses with a corporate campaign. They are partnering with Home-arama to get donations, both monetary and food. Harvest Fest at Valentown will donate a percentage of the ticket price to the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard and the Victor Food Fest will also donate a percentage of the ticket price to the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard.

Action Item: Mitch will work with Kathy on partnering with businesses.

Money is important. Kathy stressed the buying power that the Food Cupboard has, where they are able to get large quantities of groceries at inexpensive prices, so they are looking for an increase in monetary donations. They are also looking for grants to expand the building. St. Patrick's owns the building, does not charge them any rent, and, if there are any grants available, St. Patrick's may be willing to entertain an expansion which would enable them to stay there.

Jack Marren reported that Betty Barry has retired and the Town is looking for a replacement. Suzy is helping out as much as possible now, but we need to get Suzy some help.

The railroad excursions will start next week.

Auburn Trail action items will be presented at the next Town Board meeting. Jack did a site walk with Chauncey on the Auburn Trail to investigate the areas that are being discussed.

The community calendar is now live – e-mail anything that you would like to have posted to Suzy Paquin @ smpaquin@town-victor-ny.us. Please allow as much advance time as possible. Suzy needs the info in its original format - word, WordPerfect, publisher, etc., with the e-mail subject line as “Community Calendar.” She will turn it into a pdf file and post it to the Community Calendar. Eventually she will have a separate e-mail address for community events.

John Palomaki talked about the Swap Shop. It's a new building, 24 ft. by 36 ft. that will be featured on “Going Green” on Thursday on Channel 8 News.

Action Item: Get Swap Shop flyers over to Kathy Rayburn.

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Kathleen Houser reported on Valentown. On May 30 there will be a Garden Club fundraiser (see handout). It is also the grand reopening of the Valentown Museum. There will be free admission with tea and desserts. Their motto is that we're "turning over a new leaf." Each new member receives a seedling when they join the society. They will also be doing a history camp this year which is included in the Parks and Rec. program guide.

Babette Huber stated that May is Historical Preservation Month. She sent postcards to all Victor households for the programs, which are being done by local people (see insert).

Maureen Goodberlet talked about the community leaders' breakfast that was held at the school.

Meet the Candidates night will be held on Tuesday, May 5, for the 5 candidates who are running for 2 open seats on the Board of Education.

The Fun Fest will be held on May 19 from 3 PM to 9 PM.

Ronnie Ryder passed around the Ganondagan State Historic Site "Savor the Summer" series (see handout).

Kathy Rayburn said there will be an Arts Council meeting on May 14 at 7 PM at the Village Hall.

Mitch Donovan is excited about the Chamber's new membership drive. They are working on a map that will be given out to new residents and placed at strategic town locations. Hang Around Victor Day planning has started.

Mitch said they are looking for a shared resource for photos and information because they are scrambling to find images. He is asking for ideas on starting something that is "Victor specific" – possibly a website with images of Victor. Suzy will take the lead on this.

Action Item – This will be discussed at the 6/5 Roundtable meeting.

Chauncey Young distributed handouts on Victor Hiking Trails that described their programs for this month. (see attached)

Tim Acquilano talked about the Urban Renewal Agency purchase of flower pots for Main Street – they will be up & planted for Memorial Day.

Kathy Rayburn talked about the art banners that were created by Victor school students that have been placed around the town. She is receiving donations for the banners from local businesses and is getting a lot of positive feedback.

Joel Richter reported that on Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10, the Finger Lakes Railroad will have "Throw Mama on the Train" for Mothers' Day. Finger Lakes Railroad will have family members telling why they like their Mom during this train ride. There is now a website for the Finger Lakes Railroad - <http://web.me.com/joel.richter> . There are over 100 old railroad photos present on the website.

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Brian Emelson reported the Victor Municipal Park project is moving along. They will be opening soon – probably at the end of June for the picnic shelter. They have put in a fishing pond and will stock that near the end of summer. There is a playground going in as well.

He is organizing the Memorial Day Parade, the Bike Rodeo will be in June, the concert series is kicking off, summer program registration has started, there will be movies in Mead Square Park, and a Dryer Road campout. The Fat Tire festival will also have a kids' carnival this year and a celebrity charity race, where money will be put toward the charity of the participant's choice. Stay tuned for information on the "celebrities".

The Community Center project will have a late August vote. On June 22 the Town Board will set the referendum date and the bonding amounts for Paparone Park.

Kathy reported that the Business Award Luncheon will be on May 7. There are 16 winners who will be receiving awards.

Mark Ferguson from JAMEN Productions came in to discuss a "Community TV" program for Town Hall, similar to the one that is currently running at Papa Jacks. He provided a proposal listing his services, screen designs, and pricing.

Action Item: The proposal is included in the attachments – please review this and be prepared to discuss next steps during the 6/5 Roundtable meeting.

Also included is a quote from AVEK Technologies, which can provide a basic system similar to the FLTV cable channel programming format. It won't be as fancy as the JAMEN proposal, but can do the event communication job. Tina is also working with Time Warner Cable on getting information on a cable access channel to do the same programming.

The next Roundtable meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 5th at 8:00 AM in the Town Hall Main Meeting Room. Please send all agenda items to Tina at tmkolaczyk@town-victor-ny.us by Monday, June 1st.