

ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 5, 2009

PRESENT: Sue Stehling, Jack Marren, Joel Richter, Babette Huber, Tim Acquilano Village Rep., Mitch Donovan, Terry Thon, Maureen Goodberlet,, Pat Evans, Dave Wright, Mary Lyng, Brian Emelson and Brian Pancoast.

The Town Hall is closed July 3rd so the next meeting will be on August 7th, 2009. There will not be a meeting in the month of July.

Jack reviewed the intent of the Roundtable meetings and stated his understanding of the Roundtable is to further networking opportunities, to recruit participants and volunteers and promote upcoming events in the town.

The minutes from the last meeting were distributed and the presentation of the community TV proposal was discussed. The TV's have been purchased and quotes are being obtained for this service. Babette said that the task force is supportive of the idea but were concerned about the economics of the plan. The plan to publicize upcoming events is a good one.

ACTION ITEM: Jack said there are quotes in the packet and Suzy Paquin is also researching other areas of funding.

Tim Acquilano said perhaps we should allow air time to local business to generate revenue to offset expenses. Jack indicated that in the past it was determined that the government should not be a part of that, but perhaps they should. Other towns may be doing this presently.

ACTION ITEM: Check with other local governments to see if other towns do this.

Pat Evans suggested Brian could get sponsors for his events. There was more discussion on possible sponsorship or partnership of events.

Jack brought up the postcards discussed at the last meeting. He wondered how many would be needed and if this Roundtable would possibly become too large and not fit in the 1 hour timeslot.

Babette wondered who do we direct the postcards to and Mitch indicated he has a list of 300 Chamber members. There is the possibility of e-mailing this to his members, but the question was will the target people be contacted. Will it reach non-profits as well as businesses? Tina has a list that could be used. Perhaps the Roundtable's mission statement can be included in the information sent out. The Supervisor's Office could be the contact person.

Jack noted there was still a feeling of a comfort zone for communication around the table and thanked all who send in information prior to the meeting and materials for distribution at the meeting.

Jack told of a plan to have quarterly meetings for town employees with guest speakers. The first one will feature a speaker on IT security for town and personal use. Also at the recent Town Board meeting there was a representative from the Attorney General's Office. It is hoped that this presentation could also be made at a Senior Citizen's luncheon as well. Perhaps the Roundtable could someday promote guest forums.

The Food Cupboard representative could not attend today, but Jack again mentioned their great need for a new location to house the Cupboard.

Joel Richter spoke about 2 roles he plays now. His professional role now includes being the point of contact for Ontario County regarding the N1H1 virus if a response team is needed. Fortunately no response is needed and he urged all to remember to be careful and use precautions. New York is affected more than other states but there is not a high level of concern at this time

His other role is with the Friends of the Railroad. A flyer was distributed about the upcoming festival. There were over 300 riders on the opening weekend and 70 participants at the presentation. Dr Bob Ward did the presentation and most of the attendees were from Victor. FORR have been invited by the NYS Museum of Transportation to see the facility in Rush. FORR have photos of Victor on their website. Their brochure should be completed by August 1st. They have received sponsorships from various local businesses. The Rail Fest will be family oriented with a number of kids' activities and Parks & Rec will be assisting them. Finger Lakes RR will be bringing in some equipment for display including possibly a steam engine. A rail safety program is also being planned aimed at kids. The Rail Fest is set for August 8th & 9th.

Sue Stehling commended Babette on her lectures on the railroad and the good attendance. She distributed a list of upcoming speakers for the Kiwanis club and invited all to attend.

Tim Acquilano reported that the Village has gotten the flower pots in time for Memorial Day. The third week of May the Village Board finally passed the resolution to move the Papparone Park land over to the Town. They are currently working on resolutions on Hang Around Victor Day. The Salvation Army boxes are now located near Bernardo's.

Babette Huber reported that the Historical Lectures were very successful this year. They have also given out 10 Historic Victor plaques. She is starting an Oral History Project where local seniors share their perspectives and remembrances. She is looking for

volunteers and will give workshops on how to do this. She will be publicizing this in the next Newsletter.

Terri Thon reported that the YMCA is starting its June Membership Campaign. They will have a number of summer pre-school camps and are working together with Victor Parks & Rec for child care programs when the Rec programs end.

Dave Wright distributed a list of activities for Victor Hiking Trails. June 6 is National Trails Day and there will be 3 local hikes. Jack will speak and the Auburn Trail will be commemorated since it was just 5 years ago construction was began at that location. A bench has been installed. June 7 is a train ride Hike & Bike to Canandaigua and back. June 13 ADK is hosting an Expo at Mendon Ponds Park. Victor Hiking Trails will have a booth there and lead a hike. They meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month and all are invited.

Mitch Donovan talked about the railroad project and the Board's plan to ask local merchants to participate in a discount program to coincide with the Rail Fest. He needs volunteers to contact the local restaurants to see if they would participate. Perhaps in the future even a Taste of Victor fest could be a possibility. They use the weekly newsletter to spread the news about events. The Chamber Board also discussed using the Rail Fest to promote Hang Around Victor Day.

Brian Pancoast from the Victor-Farmington Rotary reported they have partnered with the Parks & Rec Department, New Energy Works and Crane Hogan and have donated at timberframe building for the new Municipal Park. Tuesday June 9 will be the raising of the framework of the building. The building is approximately 44x24 feet. Wednesday June 24 will be a dinner meeting where the new Rotary President John Summers will take over. They will be recognizing John Wade's contributions to the community at this meeting. The meeting will be at the Legacy Clubhouse at 6pm. E-mail to Brian if you would like to attend.

Pat Evans from the Victor Library gave out a flyer on their children's Programs. Friends of the Library had a successful book sale and the next one will be at Hang Around Victor Day. She also spoke about the Paws for Reading program. Be Creative is the NYS theme for the summer reading programs across the state. Donations are still coming in from the annual campaign mailing at about the same rate as last year.

Brian Emelson from Victor Parks & Rec reported that a lot of events are coming up. June 6 is the Bike Rodeo, the Summer Concert series starts next Thursday June 11th, and movies in the park start June 25th and another will be on July 30th. The picnic shelter will be raised on June 9th, Fat Tire Festival in July with some new things including a carnival type midway to keep it a family event. They are partnering with the Rochester YMCA in this event. Money raised will go back into the trails project. Summer day camp for kids kicks off in early July and Victor Fest is September 12th.