

# ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES

## JUNE 7, 2019

**PRESENT:** David Lee, Don Emirbayer, Tim Niver, Alexis Ogra, Mike Stockman, Karen Guidarelli, Gary Sabin, Kathy Rayburn, Bob Kelly, Karen Hansen, Congressman Collins and Suzy Mandrino.

**Kathy** welcomed everyone and noted that Jack was away at a Conference in Lake George.

### **David Lee - Finger Lakes Tourism**

On Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have an Open House from 4-5:30 PM. Stop by and get visitor guides and a local beverage. Our address is 25 Gorham Street in Canandaigua.

David passed out their first ever Wellness Guide. The guide has a map with parks, yoga studios, where to get on the water, playgrounds, and farmers' markets plus more. At [www.visitfingerlakes.com/wellness](http://www.visitfingerlakes.com/wellness) there is an interactive map. It will also work on a mobile device.

### **Don Emirbayer - FLCC Victor Campus**

We are still registering for summer courses, the first session is underway, but there are others available. We are registering for fall sessions.

We are starting a new program in the fall for adult learners. It will be an Associate's Degree in Business Administration. The courses will be available on Saturdays, either online or regular courses. The following year it will be either Friday nights or Saturday online courses. We are trying to make it convenient for adult learners.

Our ICT Program (Instrumentation & Control Technologies) - the courses for this will start at 4:00 PM or later also to accommodate adult learners.

Karen asked if the FLCC Victor Campus was busy or as busy as they thought they would be when they opened. Don stated that course enrollment is going down everywhere. In this area and across the State. It is a struggle to try to keep enrollment up.

### **Tim Niver - Victor-Farmington Library**

The biggest thing is our upcoming budget vote. It will be on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Village Hall from Noon to 8:00 PM. We are asking for a 1 ½ cent per \$1,000 increase. This equates to about \$4.00 a year for a \$300,000 home. The increase would be used towards further investigation of our new Library building that we want to build for the community. We need to hire a fundraising consultant to do a feasibility study to understand what we

can do to raise the funds. If you want more information on the budget vote we will have information sessions on June 13<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at the Library at 7:00 PM.

We still have One-on-One Tech Support Classes helping people with their devices, computer, phones, download e-books, etc.

Gary asked how the Repair Café went. Tim said they had about 8 volunteers helping fix items. They fixed about 25-30 items. It went very well. We will have it again in October.

#### **Mike Stockman - Victor Parks & Recreation**

The Memorial Day Parade went very well. The weather was beautiful. The crowds were very, very large. We appreciate doing that for our Veterans.

Honor Flight ended at the end of May. This was our 8<sup>th</sup> year raising money. This year's total came in at just over \$17,800. Our 8 year total is just under \$148,000. If you get a chance, go to the airport for an arrival. It is incredible. We will be doing a check presentation at the Town Board meeting on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. George Haines, "General George" as he was fondly known, passed away this week at 94. He was a WWII Veteran. He was pretty famous in the Honor Flight circle. Keep him in and his family in your thoughts.

The Summer Concerts start next week on June 13<sup>th</sup> with Hey Mabel, a rock 'n roll group, and Rustic Taco as the food truck. We will also have ice cream, popcorn and beverages, alcoholic and non-alcoholic.

For the Ruby Shooz concert on July 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be having Crush Wine Tours provide shuttle service from the Village Hall & Library parking lots to the concert every 10 minutes starting at 6:30 PM. We know parking will be an issue, so we are giving this a try.

#### **Karen Guidarelli - Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard**

Our Otto Tomotto's fundraiser on May 20<sup>th</sup> raised \$18,567. Next year will be our 10<sup>th</sup> year and hope to get more sponsors.

The Farmers' Market started this week. We co-wrote a grant with the Rotary to focus on childhood hunger. When school ends we will be giving out cooking kits, cookbooks and coupons for kids to spend at the Farmers' Market. Every Wednesday we will give out coupons to families who come and ask or to seniors. The Farmers appreciated the business last year. We trade the coupons for cash at the end of the market and it worked out really well. This year we will do a more thorough survey of health improvements over the course of the market.

We are seeing an increase in seniors at the Food Cupboard. Forbes magazine did an article at the end of May. Feeding America did a big study and people over 60, almost half, are struggling with food insecurity. One item not mentioned in the article that we are seeing in this area was due to the heroin epidemic. Grandparents are taking care of children whose parents are not able to.

We are finalizing our formal budget as our fiscal year starts July 1<sup>st</sup>. We have a Program called 'Neighbors Feeding Neighbors' and you can donate through our new website and Facebook page with PayPal. It costs us about \$20/month to feed a family of six. A lot of people sponsor a family for \$20 a month.

We are still looking for a new location. We are also adding to our budget for one paid staff person. We currently spend 89% of our annual budget on food directly. But we realize that we are losing donors and on grant opportunities because we don't have a dedicated person. Everyone on the Board works full-time. We could use someone to work on finding a space, meet with people and write grants.

#### **Gary Sabin - Serenity House**

The weekend before Labor Day weekend we will have a 5K Race. We don't have all the details finalized yet.

*Suzy reminded everyone to send any flyers or information on events to her and she will send them out to the group. You don't have to wait until the meeting. Please note: we do not meet in July.*

In April 1999, the Serenity House had its first resident. We have had over 400 residents in our 20 years. This past Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we had a brunch at Ravenwood Golf Club for anyone who has ever volunteered. We had approximately 85 people attend.

#### **Bob Kelly - Village Trustee**

Babette Huber is the Village & Town Historian. She has a Historic Plaque Program. This year seven (7) Village homes will be recognized. This will be on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Village Hall.

They finished their Historic Speaker Series last night. They have their schedule for next year. They are looking to maybe partner and have some at the Library.

#### **Alexis Ogra - Congressman Collins Office**

I will give a short update from our office, but the Congressman will be here himself to give an update from the hill. The Lake Ontario flooding is a big concern. We have seen this flooding twice in the past three years. It is time to take a look at all our options.

We hold a Veteran of the Month Ceremony. If you know of any veteran or family member that lives in the 27<sup>th</sup> District - all of Victor, Farmington, Canandaigua, Bloomfield, and Bristol, please reach out to our office and we will be happy to help you nominate them. We do a short ceremony to recognize them for everything they do for our community.

### **Karen Hansen - Community Clothes Closet**

Last month we had 87 visitors. We have had a lot of grandparents getting clothes for their grandchildren. We have given out about \$8,700 worth of clothing in our community. We have started helping with a domestic violence shelter in Monroe County and we have donated about \$2,000 worth of linens and clothing.

**Library** - last month we had a Silent Art Auction at the Library. It was amazing. The art was from paintings to photos to things that they crafted. The artists were there to talk to everyone. There was punch and wine and live music. Tim noted that Karen and her daughter were the live music. This was a fundraiser for the Library.

For the next fundraiser, we have someone decorating a chair with the theme of "Where the Wild Things Are" and it will be on display in the Library. We have to figure out how we will do the bidding system. We will have more decorated chairs as Library fundraisers.

On Memorial Day we had a carnival at the Church after the Parade. I was in charge of the 'Potty' toss. Our booth saw about 80 little kids.

Maggie's Kids Camp will be coming to Victor on July 8-12. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year that Victor will be hosting these inner city kids. There will be 150 children that will come to a different Park or place every day of the week during 7/8-7/12. We are looking for teenagers or adult volunteers to help manage the kids. We also need monetary donations to help cover the cost of the Parks. The Clothes Closet helps that day by giving all the kids some clothes. I will send an email to Suzy with all the details.

### **Suzy Mandrino - Victor Hiking Trails**

Chauncy couldn't be here today and wanted me to mention a few things. Victor Hiking Trails will be at the ADK Expo in Mendon Ponds Park tomorrow, June 8<sup>th</sup>. They will have a tent along with other outdoor groups. There will be activities and demonstrations. VHT will lead a fast and strenuous hike at 10:30 AM.

VHT also has several Eagle Scout projects this year. Check out Facebook and Meetup for pictures of a recent workgroup with the Rochester School for the Deaf. They worked on the Domine yellow trail on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

In July there will be two hikes. On July 13<sup>th</sup> they will have a hike at Wesley Hill Nature Preserve. On July 21<sup>st</sup> there will be an educational hike on butterflies at Ganondagan at 2:00 PM.

Kathy introduced Kevin Caggiano, our summer intern at the Town Hall. Kevin has floated around to all the offices. We appreciate all the work you have done. He is going to Boston College.

Kathy had everyone go around and introduce themselves to Congressman Collins.

### **Congressman Chris Collins**

Thank you for inviting me today. I have been recently focused on two things. One is on the immigration side and our undocumented workers primarily in the dairy industry. They are very much in fear. Dairy Farmers are worried that they will have no workers. 99% of all the workers are undocumented and many of them have been there for decades. I have a Bill that I have introduced that there will be nothing of consequence for the next two years. An undocumented worker working fulltime, who have worked here at least two years, and is sponsored by the Farmer who specifies that it is a fulltime job. It would be a work permit that would expire in two years. It gives Congress time to do comprehensive immigration reform. I call it my Help Act. It is for Farmers' only.

The other item is the Lake Ontario water level. This is a man-made disaster. It started with the International Joint Commission Plan 2014 - that deliberately raised the lake levels by one foot in the fall and lowered by one foot in the summer. It hurts our tourism in the summer but the worst was that we entered the first of the year with an extra foot of water in Lake Ontario. And depending on what Mother Nature did, there was no safety valve. In 2017 there was massive flooding, the worst we'd had since 1973. This year is the worst it has ever been in history. I propose that we go back to the 1958 Plan. From 1958 until 2017 it only flooded once in 1973. This is a real impact on tourism.

### **Kathy Rayburn - Economic Development & Victor Local Development Corp (VLDC)**

Some business updates: Fleet Feet will be opening up a new store at High Point. Spoke Cycle will be opening next to New York Beer Project. The Goodwill store will be moving to Eastview Mall next to Ethan Allen. The new Quatela building on Route 96 - no date yet on when they are opening. TK Pizza at the Village Inn will be opening in September. A women's clothing boutique, Annabel Elizabeth, has opened at 10 East Main Street.

**No Meeting in July**

**The next meeting will be on August 2<sup>nd</sup>**