

Enosburg Business Association

April 13, 2021

8am – 9am

Live Via Zoom

Attendees: Shawna Lovelette, Dianna Benoit-Kittell, Sandra Ferland, Ian Machia, Linda Eppley, Suzanne Hull-Casavant, Jonathan Elwell, Jennifer Bright, Ellen Stanley

Guests: Pierre Boudreau; Leonard Charron

1. Welcome- Introductions if needed

2. Minute Approval/Treasure's report/Membership update

Minutes: Suzi motion/ Jennifer 2nd all in favor so moved.

Membership update: current 15 Members, need to make a push to see who might join us. Pick up flyers and try to

Treasure's Report:

Net income 892.95

Checking \$3739.43

Money Market \$3436.08

Harvest Fest \$4820.52 (after refund to FCHH)

Suzi motion/ Jennifer 2nd all in favor so moved.

3. Harvest Fest - Lions Club

Pierre Boudreau/ Leonard Charron Lions club back in February threw ideas around, the paper took that idea of Harvest Fest and ran with it. Pierre is not speaking for the Club but thought that maybe they could collaborate somehow. Suzi: Harvest Fest Committee, could they do an antique car show of sorts, it would fit with the flavor. Jonathan: also got a phone call from Kris Lantz and he commented that the board of trustees would have to make that decision. Tried to back him away from this, he felt it was premature to publish an article that gave certain expectations toward the community. Reminder that there are still COVID guidelines in place. Jon cautions the latest guidelines and reopening plans, had a conversation with an attorney and they validated that the guidelines are not going away. Suzi noted that we are still researching and being prudent and remembering the guidelines in place. Jennifer wants to ask about collaboration moving forward with the club hoping this is not a one and done and maybe we can collaborate more. Also wondered about the application process with the state and how will that affect the permit process. Jon advises in general, a permit request for Lincoln Park must be received by the Office no less than 7 days prior to the next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting in order to be placed on the agenda for that meeting. In the case of the Harvest Festival, there is alcohol vendors included. There is a separate ordinance regarding the Harvest Festival because of the alcohol vendors. If you are going to have alcohol, there is an additional permit, along with the permit to use the park, which must be received in the Office no less than 30 days prior to the date of the Harvest Festival. Sandy Ferland usually does the Harvest Fest permit for EBA, and should recall this. So in the case of the Harvest Fest both permit requests must be received no later than 30 days prior to the date of the Festival. Good info to keep in mind.

Action steps: if in a month we decide you want to move forward we will want to collaborate for the club, that was the general consensus.

4. EBA legal business identity update

Phone call from the IRS called to bring notice to the letter that they wanted more info, can submit more info, but we don't fall under the 501C3 guidelines, but we have some, but not enough that fall under that. Suggestion that we investigate the 501C4 and 501C6, the 501C4 is the best fit, that is the right route to go was the consensus. Revoked the 501C3 app and submitting the 2 part for the 501C4. 1) form to submit self declaring that we are a social organization 2) \$600 app to become official under the IRS. The difference in self declaring and IRS is 0 difference. Unless they decide to audit you. We fall perfectly under the guidelines.

Suzi- thought that we could be the conduit to help other entities apply for state and federal grants. Can we still do that with a 501C4? Ian is not 100% sure about that, we need to investigate that. Would Sean know that answer? Sandy- feels it is very important to be a facilitator to be able to help organizations with grants if they

need to. Ian- quick google search says we can, but he will look into it more. He thinks likely because a 501C4 is still considered an exempt organization.

Action steps: investigate this if Ian finds that there is no difference in being able to facilitate for grants then the group is OK with moving forward to self declare the 501C4 without waiting for the next meeting.

Ian feels that based on what we have done, and the money paid that we are self declared a 501C4, to his understanding that makes us one right now, but he will make sure that the process is what he comes to understand it is.

5. Dan Cunningham, American Legion – Flag poles in Lincoln Park update

American Legion Newsletter says Rolling Thunder will happen.

EI Updates: next meeting should be Thursday via Zoom

Perley block is moving along slowly.

Green Up Day May 1st EI will be doing something

Dough Boy is coming along, Jim met with Dan in the park to look at what might be appropriate for the base of the dough boy.

Still hoping to turn the Masonic Temple into the welcome center, (David & Sally)

Volunteer work done on the tower of the Opera House, David and Jim taking lead, will need some runners on the ground.

6. Enosburg Village Wi-Fi project update- No new updates, we can remove from the agenda and move under EI

7. New Business

Opera house has not been having programming, maybe by Winter we can have the Community Concert
July 30th golf tournament

Social Media how can we promote our businesses, put on the agenda for next month. Email cold hollow about taking some stock photos. Sandy- one of the simple things we could do is weekly, please patronize our members.

8. New Meeting Date

5/11/21 Live via zoom *maybe at the Quincy

Committees for each event- at least 3 people for each committee: (Please think about alternatives to these events that are safe for the current environment)

- a. Community Lawn Sale: Suzi will pick a date and tell people we will put on a flyer for the Facebook page.**
- b. Rolling Thunder collaboration with the American Legion**
- c. Easter- not this year**
- d. Popcorn in the Park:**
- e. Harvest Festival:**
- f. Enosburg Eats:**
- g. 'Turkey' Drive for the Food Shelf:**
- h. Christmas in Enosburg:**
- i. Membership: Suzy**