

The Chicopee River Watershed Council's
Monthly Meeting
August 05, 2004

Meeting Called to order:

Called to order by: Chairman Mike G.

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: The Indian Orchard Partnership Office 145 Main St. Indian Orchard was closed the meeting was held a cross the street at a restaurant

Members Present:

Chairman: Mike Garvey

Vice Chairman & Secretary: Rick Dunderdale

Treasurer: Ralph Shrewsbury

Tony Zupkowski

Agenda Review

- Call to order/Agenda Review
- Minutes Review
- Treasurer's Report
- Indian Orchard Park
- Donations/Mailings
- Essay Contest
- New Business
- Mail Review

Last Meeting's Minutes

Accepted.

Treasurer's report:

Bank Balance Chicopee Savings as of August 5, 2004: **\$8,426.23**

Deposits total: \$58.00

Renewals: 3

New Members:2

Report Accepted: yes

Withdrawals/Checks issued: None Reported

Ralph S. motion that we investigate buying "Bank Certificates of Deposits" (CDs),

Mike suggests buying \$2.000 worth of CDs,

Ralph is willing to do the investigating on CDs.

Mikes G. Seconds motion, motion carried.

Bank account authorized members updates:

Ralph brings up that do to the recent turnover of board members that the list of people that are authorized to handle banking matters needs to be up dated, adding names authorized for issuing checks and making deposits.

Mike G. will add Ralph S.'s name to the banking account.

Old Business / Project updates and Discussions:

The Park from Water St. to Indian Leap & the Melikian property

Nothing new, no contact from:

Ms. Katie Stebbins (from the Springfield Planning Department)

Corp Fund Raising Kit

Mike presented a prototype 'Corp Fund Raising Kit', he has gotten enough materials to make a dozen.

Mike G. motions to accept the 'Corp Fund Raising Kit' prototype

Rick D. seconds motion: motion carried

River Network.Com

Last month 'River Network.Com' asked us to renew our membership with them, \$100.00, River Network was unknown to us and Rick D. was to investigate who they are and what do they do.

Rick D. presented information on 'River Network.Com':

It is an informational clearing house for watershed origination's with accessible online data base library. The information is both environmental and organizational.

Rick D.'s recommendation: renewal on a trial bases to see how useful it's information is and how much usage we have with it; to evaluate it in a years time.

**Rick D. motions to renew 'River Network.Com' membership.
Mike Seconds; motion carried**

Rick D. motions to speed up renewal with 'River Network.Com' he will use his credit card and have CRWC reimburse the \$100.00 membership fee, Why speed up renewal? To be able to use 'River Network.Com' to enhance other time critical CRWC projects.

Mike Seconds; motion carried

Rick D. will contact 'River Network.Com' for renewal

ESSAY CONTEST:

No contact from Mr. Fred Andrew (The Indian Orchard Partnership Office 145 Main St. Indian Orchard)

Mr. Andrew said that he was willing to start the dialog with 'The lion's Den' about having the next essay at and for the members of the 'The lion's Den'.

Mike is going to contact Mr. Fred Andrew to get an update on the progress on starting a dialog with 'The Lion's Den' for the essay.

No contact from Ms. Katie Stebbins (from the Springfield Planning Department); Ms. Stebbins consented to speak at the essay contest presentation for 'The Lion's Den'

Mike is going to contact Ms. Stebbins to see if she is still available to speak at the 'The Lion's Den'.

Essay Presentation Target Date

Target date is in question do to the lack of follow up from last meeting;

By Mike G. contacting Mr. Fred Andrew, Ms. Stebbins and the Lion's Den we may be able firm up a date for the Essay Presentation. The last target date was vague "Late August".

Essay Presentation Content:

All agreed that Content for essay is thin and needs to be worked on.

Mike G. has mentioned that he would like to explore a visual aspect to the presentation, maybe Power Point, etc..

All agreed to meet on August 17th, 6:00 PM at Nova Chemical to rewrite the text for the essay presentation.

New Business:

Lesson Plan for teachers on Watersheds

Mike G. last month had been contacted by area teachers interested materials for informational packet for their class/school.

Mike G. and the others working on “the Essay Content” will be trying to expand that content into a lesson plan, a promising resource is ‘River Network’

Secretarial Materials

Rick D. asked about getting from Mike G. all of the secretarial materials (CRWC’s by Laws) so that he can bring them up to date.

Mike agreed to have them ready for the “Essay Presentation Content Meeting” on August 17th, 6:00 PM at Nova Chemical.

MAIL REVIEW:

Annual Watershed Conference At U MASS

September 17- Friday all day long Brunch and Lunch included
Entrance fee \$75.00 each

Mike G.: maybe a good source of information for developing content for both the Essay Presentation and the Lesson Plan for teachers; plus to see if there is opportunity for partnering/networking with organizations.

Mike G. motions that we should consider sending some members to the Annual Watershed Conference At U MASS for gathering information and to see about opportunity for partnering/networking with other like-minded organizations.
Ralph S. seconds – motion carried

Meeting adjourned:

Tony Z. motions to adjourn.

Mike G. seconds the motion, motion carried - 9:00 PM