

CCA Meeting Notes – Nov. 7, 2007

Present: Jeff and Betsy Desjardins, Martha Hamlyn, Judy Harald, Kirke and Linda Harper, Dan Higgins, Barbara Reisert, Jim Richardson, Sarah and Phil Sayre.

Barbara started the meeting by passing out individualized CCA buttons to all in attendance. Thanks, Barbara!

1. Minutes of the August 9, 2007 meeting were read by Barbara.

2. Correspondence with Methodist Church.

Kirke reported he had sent a letter to Rev. Sterling, who replied requesting that we forward to him documentation of our non-profit status. Kirke wrote back indicating that we will be associating with Bay Hundred Foundation (BHF). Rev. Sterling suggested we get in touch again. He will be returning to work in January after surgery.

3. CCA relationship with Bay Hundred Foundation.

We decided:

- We need a formal relationship.
- We need to meet with BHF director Beth Jones.
- Jim suggested it might be preferable to have our own 501c3 organization rather than relying on BHF.
- Jim and Kirke will meet with Beth Jones
- Judy will revise the draft articles of incorporation and statement of purpose.

4. Informing and involving the village.

Kirke suggested updating the village as a whole: they need to know what has happened in past months. Then we can propose forming an organization. We will need at least a majority of the village approving. Decided to try to schedule a village meeting in late January. Barbara will ask Penny if we can use the Maple Hall meeting room. Jim will publicize the meeting. After discussion, it was decided that the purpose of the January meeting will be to inform the village of past year's progress and suggest that we have a formal meeting in the spring or summer, at which time the village can vote to adopt a statement of purpose and articles of incorporation, and elect officers.

[Since the meeting, Barbara has arranged with Penny and Rick for Maple Hall for Thursday, January 24 at 6:30.]

5. Post Office news.

There has been no further communication with the USPS, reported Jim. If the church property does become available, we could propose it to the USPS, but they will probably say: no changes. If so, we could ask for help from elected representatives.

6. Water quality.

"Dr H2O" was recommended as a simple under the counter system for filtering arsenic. Barbara is exploring having a point of entry system installed at her house. She referred the company to Renny to look into a system for the community. [Renny said later that installing a system on the well is not cost effective. "Drink yer bottled water and shet up," he is reported to have said.]

7. Christmas Potluck Supper.

Dan suggested that we have a Christmas potluck supper at the church as a way of beginning to use the church for community events, and all endorsed the suggestion. Dan will contact Rev. Moore to see if Friday, December 14 is available.

[Since the meeting,

--Dan got approval for use of the church on Dec. 14,

--Martha and Kirke have agreed to co-coordinate planning,

--Chris Noyes will serve as choir director,

--Judy, Sarah, and Paul Moorehead will help as well, including clean-up.

--Nancy offered to keep track of what people have volunteered to bring and do.

--Martha and Kirke will arrange for: Renny to bring Christmas music to play on

Kirke's portable stereo, someone to prepare hot chocolate, etc. and Martha to provide a coffee urn.]

8. Perc Test for church property.

Jeff suggested that Dan also ask Rev Moore if we could conduct a perc test on the church property. There was general agreement that a composting toilet could be a solution at the church, but knowing if the soil percs is a good thing.

9. Next meeting?

Kirke suggests that we meet just before the party on December 14, but no decision was made.

Summary of Decisions:

- a. hold village meeting January 24
- b. hold a second village meeting in spring or summer for formal approval of organization, elections.
- c. hold Christmas Party Dec. 14

To Do List:

Kirke and Jim: meet with Beth Jones.

Judy: revise draft articles of incorporation and statement of purpose

Kirke: call another meeting prior to Dec 14

Jim: Publicize the Jan 24 village meeting