

WNRTA Board Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2016

The meeting opened at 9:30am at the Wellfleet COA.

Present: Lyra Campbell, Gordon Kahn, Carmen Richkin, Martin Richman, Ellen Rothman, May Ruth Seidel, Bob Sloane, Betsy Van Dorn, Renee Zarin

Absent: Helen Birenbaum, Pamela Blau, Frances Davidson, and Karen Goldberg.

Membership Report: Six new members have joined WNRTA since the last board meeting. Total number of paying members = 130.

Tax-Exempt Status: Martin has had conversations with Susan Reverby's tax accountant around our tax-exempt status. WNRTA was founded as a 501-C4 but has failed to file annually with the IRS. Martin's suggested next steps: file for fiscal year ending 2015; then file the same form for 2016 and wait for a response. Martin reassured the board that WNRTA's corporate status is fine.

Incoming President Marian Palley reminded board members that the annual board get-together will take place at her home on August 24, from 5-7pm.

New Business:

The board welcomed two new members, Carmen NAME and Bob Sloan.

The board agreed to form an informal umbrella association with the non-resident taxpayer groups in Provincetown, Truro, Eastham and Brewster in order to exchange information and keep up to date with common concerns. A unified voice will be more effective, particularly around regional issues. Ellen Rothman volunteered to be the liaison to this umbrella group.

Gordon Kahn and Renee Zarin volunteered to form an ad-hoc Scholarship Committee to investigate ways WNRTA can provide a stipend to a graduating high-school senior for post-secondary studies.

Marian Palley will meet next week with new Town Administrator Daniel Hoort around non-resident concerns, including the traffic impact of adding beach parking along Ocean View Drive.

Oysterfest: Gordon Kahn will once again man the WNRTA table in October.

Program Committee: The board agreed that WNRTA should continue to sponsor two programs next July. Phyllis Bretholz suggested the Wellfleet Historical Society and Gypsy Moths as possible topics. Harbor dredging is another subject of paramount interest, with no viable sources for funding in view.

Newsletter: The fall newsletter will recap the summer of 2016. Ellen suggested that ideally, its release be in synch with the most up-to-date information on harbor dredging.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Van Dorn