

WNRTA Board Meeting 7/30/16
Minutes

Present: Helen Birenbaum, Jim Campen, Frances Davidson, Georgie Gatch, Marian Palley, Susan Reverby, Martin Richman, Ellen Rothman, May Ruth Seidel, Betsy Van Dorn; Staff member Lyra Campbell

Absent: Phyllis Bretholtz, Georgie Gatch, Karen Goldberg, Gordon Kahn, John Partridge

The meeting opened at 9:45 at the Wellfleet Council on Aging.

Secretary's Report: Betsy presented the minutes of the 7/9/15 board meeting, which were amended and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lyra reported a balance of \$7,472.46 in the WNRTA account with no additional expenses since the last meeting. Before the end of this fiscal year (8/31/16), we will make a \$300 contribution to the Council on Aging and to Preservation Hall.

Membership Dues: On 12/31/15, Lyra sent out emails reminding the WNRTA membership (575 members) to pay their dues. As of 1/1/16, 143 members are up to date with their dues. Lyra stated that annual tax bills go out to 2,200 nonresidents in Wellfleet. She has that list, which includes street addresses but not email addresses.

Nominating Committee: Three new members have agreed to join the WNRTA board: Carmen Richkin, Bob Sloane, and Renee Zarin. Their backgrounds and talents are impressive!

The WNRTA Annual Meeting is scheduled for 7:30pm on 8/11/16 at Preservation Hall. Assistant Town Administrator Brian Carlson will give a report on the "State of the Town" and review the financial and environmental challenges facing Wellfleet. We will elect officers and members of the Board of Directors. Steve Fossella, chair of the Provincetown Non-resident Taxpayers' Association, will join us to share Provincetown's experience.

Ellen Rothman observed that WNRTA has a legal obligation to send Town Administrator Dan Silverman the proposed slate of officers:

President: Marian Palley
Vice President: Gordon Kahn
Secretary: Betsy Van Dorn
Treasurer: Frances Davidson

WNRTA's Tax-Exempt Status: Martin described his research on our 501-C4 status and led a discussion of related implications. Susan volunteered to seek the assistance of her tax accountant.

Program Committee: Planning for next year's programs will take place closer to 2017 in order to be up to date with developments relevant to Wellfleet. May Ruth suggested The Provincetown Banner as a good source for timely information.

Endowment Drive: May Ruth initiated a discussion around alternative ways to raise money for WNRTA. Should we ask local businesses to co-sponsor or underwrite one of our events? If so, do we need to form a Corporate Sponsor Committee? It was agreed to put this issue on the agenda for the August 13th board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Van Dorn