

Bethel Local Development Corporation

March 5, 2014

The Bethel Local Development Corporation (BLDC) meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sturm at the Duggan Community meeting room on March 3, 2014.

Present: Daniel Sturm
Victoria Simpson
Lillian Hendrickson
Dawn Ryder
Bernard Cohen
Christopher Cunningham

Absent: Fred Michel

Mr. Sturm began the meeting at 7:00 and wanted it noted for the record that there was a quorum.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve the January 23, 2014 minutes, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Kauneonga Lake Farmers Market

Mr. Greg Schwarz from Sullivan County Farmers Markets Association (SCFMA) gave a summary of last years 2013, market and his forecast for 2014 market. They are going to have the market on Fridays 4pm-7pm. It will start June 27th and run thru the last Friday in August.

Mr. Cohen suggested that they try more signage on 17B to attract more people. He thought maybe where the old Bagel Bakery was would be a good spot for a sign.

Mrs. Hendrickson asked if Mr. Schwarz would come back in December and give a report on how this years market goes.

Financial Report

Mr. Sturm stated that the BLDC has received \$25,000 from Common Waters for money they spent on the Reserve at Smallwood. Mr. Sturm would like to pay \$16,046.75 back to the town for money spent on the bicentennial.

A motion by Mrs. Simpson to pay back \$16,046.75 to the town, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

BLDC Manager Report

17B Beautification Grant – Mr. Cunningham stated that the grant has been submitted.

Reserve at Smallwood – Mr. Sturm discussed the issues with the long term and short term use of property. As the weather gets better more people will want to use the park.

Broadband Initiatives

Mr. Cunningham stated that the county is working on initiatives to bring broadband to more people.

Mrs. Ryder had a map of where it is needed and said the map is wrong, that many more people are without it.

Feral Cats

Mrs. Simpson discussed how Henni Anker, the town Animal Control officer gets many calls about feral cats. She also said that PetSmart has grants for spay/neuter release programs that she will look into.

Being there is no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Ryder to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Dina Sturm
Recording Secretary