



FOLQ Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday August 7, 2012

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: The Beebe Library, Lecture Hall, Main St.

Board Members in Attendance:

John Anderson, Bill Butler, Bill Conley, Margaret Coppe, Karen Faler, Leeila Given, Frank Margherita, Doug Mildram, Jim Murphy, Betsy Rogers, Mary Salois, Jim Scott, Ed Spaulding, Joe Twitchell, Rob Wettach,

Associate Member in Attendance:

Phil Salois

Leeila Given called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Minutes:

- July minutes will be on the September meeting agenda.

Reports of Officers:

President

Leeila Given and Karen Faler will update the Board Handbook. They requested that each board member email Leeila with their phone number and address.

Doug Mildram was voted in as new board member in July.

Secretary

- None

Treasurer

- Frank Margherita had submitted the monthly report. There was a discussion of how to report unrestricted vs. restricted funds before December. He has started working on the budget.

Publicity/Website

- Ed Spaulding and Margaret Coppe presented how to access and work with the FOLQ website.

Organizational Operations

- Bill Conley and Karen Faler looked at the meeting agenda and how they are conducted in order to make the most of meeting time. Bill suggested that instead of beginning the meeting at 7 PM, move the starting time to 7:15 PM, and use the first 15 minutes to do housekeeping that does not require board discussion or decision.

Reports of Activities/Committees/Subcommittees:

Digital Realty Trust (DRT) response

- Karen Faler reported that there has not been much activity this summer. She has been talking to politicians.

Annual Breakfast

- Scheduled for Sunday, November 18 at Bear Hill Country Club. Final details at September board meeting. The Gertrude Spaulding nominations are due. Junior members will be honored. Karen Faler moved, and Mary Salois seconded that the breakfast be held from 8 AM—11:30 AM, November 18 and that tickets be priced at \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. The vote was unanimous.

There was discussion about giving free tickets to the parents of the junior members. If this is a fundraiser, non-paying attendees cut into profits, but if this was budgeted for, it does not. No resolution of the discussion.

Farmers Market

- FOLQ will have a booth on Saturday, September 8 from 9 AM—1 PM. Volunteers include John Anderson, Karen Faler, and Rob Wettach.

Fall Mailing

- Information on breakfast
- Dues reminder

Water Testing

- Jim Murphy reported the next scheduled testing is for August 18.
- He also reported that the Conservation Commission has asked for help with evaluating the Solarbee apparatus for improving the water quality of the lake. (Go to <http://lakes.medoraco.com/> for more information.) Education to encourage less use of phosphates in the watershed area is one component. He will have more information for the October meeting. The Commission has asked for copy of the lake survey.

Water Quality

- Committee composed of Bill Conley, Bill Butler, John Anderson, and Leeila Given reported that they are researching links from Arlington, MA, and storm water runoff. Suggested that Jim Murphy join the committee.

Landscape

- Karen Faler reported that bench cleaning will start.

Goose Committee

- Bill Butler reported that the goose numbers are up. There was discussion about whether the goose control program was proceeding as planned.

New Business

- A motion to form a Water Quality Committee of Board members Anderson, Butler, Conley and Given to look at issues and possible actions regarding storm water runoff passed unanimously.
- Karen and Jim informed the Board of payment of \$645.00 in discretionary money to get the goose prevention person in place as quickly as possible. It was recommended by members that town budgeting change to allow an earlier start for the program. This should be a goal for next year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2012, 7 PM at the WCAT studios located at Wakefield High School, 60 Farm Street.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Coppe
Secretary