

Approved ERC Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Present: Curtis Hunter, Earnest Levesque, Kyle Pratt, Deb Shelby, Sue Sinnamon

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Deb nominated Sue Sinnamon for secretary. Earnest seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Curtis nominated Deb Shelby for Chair. Kyle seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Deb informed the committee that a date of September 17 from 9-1 at Smilie School had been set for Bolton Market Day. She showed the committee a flyer she and Sue had worked on to go in the July Bolton Gazette inviting businesses to be part of it. There was much discussion on the flyer and it was decided that Curtis would simplify it a little and send out a draft to the committee via email by Friday.

Curtis offered plywood he had that could be used for a sign to be made to be put out in front of the school before Bolton Market Day to advertise it. Kyle said he knew someone who was artistic and would ask them if they would make the sign.

There was discussion on what the purpose of the day was and what should be part of it. It was agreed that the idea of Bolton Market Day was to promote one's business in the community. The first one would be targeted toward Bolton residents and would give anyone living in Bolton who had a business the opportunity to have a free table to showcase their products and/or services to other Bolton residents. Suggestions were to make it a fun day with games for kids as well as to have a raffle with the prize(s) being products/services donated by businesses in Bolton. The proceeds of the raffle would go to the Bolton Christmas food baskets. Curtiss has a contact that does children's activities and he will ask him for ideas and Deb will contact some businesses regarding donations of prizes.

There was discussion on the ongoing status of the research of committee members to find funding options from state and national grants. The purpose of the research was to find funding that might be available not only for the town but

to create a directory for businesses that are starting out and/or preexisting business that might need capital. The directory would include the dollar amount available, contacts, conditions and due dates for applications. Ernest agreed to continue researching.

Deb told the committee that she had approached the Select Board with the idea of serving a meal to everyone who does anything for the Town of Bolton. She was charged with coordinating this "Appreciation Dinner" and asked for the help of the ERC. We all agreed it was a great idea and would be willing to help.

Sue made a motion and Deb seconded it to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Sinnamon
Secretary