



EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP
(EVCG)
Monthly Meeting Minutes, March 1, 2022
Meeting held via Zoom

Present: Betsy Race, Josie Carothers, Allison Belisle, Marcia Hammond, Elizabeth Lord, Joan Feierabend, Mark Kelley, Sarah Jolivette, Bobbie Kimberly

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Betsy Race at 5:35 PM.
2. Introductions & Celebrations: Randolph Winterfest was a hugely successful event. Further discussion below under 7a.
3. Changes to the Agenda: none
4. Secretary's Report
 - 4a. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Joan Feierabend and seconded by Mark Kelley. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - 4b. Review of action items: all of the action items from last month's meeting were completed.
5. Treasurer's Report

Allison provided a summary of the February report. Expenses included the purchase of a one-year Zoom license for EVCG (\$149.90) and payment of the first installment of the architect's bill (\$4,076.60). The Town also paid \$10,000 for its share of the architect's bill.

A motion to approve the February Treasurer's Report was made by Josie Carothers and seconded by Marcia Hammond. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Advisory Committee Members

Allison explained that five members of the EVCG Town Advisory Committee need to be re-appointed because their terms will be expiring. The list of proposed appointees includes Bobbie Kimberly, Allison Belisle, Mark Kelly, Josie Carothers and Marcia Hammond.

A Motion to reappoint these members was made by Joan Feierabend and seconded by Allison Belisle.

Allison will forward the list to Trini Brassard with a request for appointment to be made at the next Selectboard meeting.

7. Committee Updates

a. Events Committee: Marcia reported that EVCG members served as volunteers at the Randolph Winterfest on February 26. It was a great event and everyone had a lot of fun. EVCG was glad to join in and contribute towards a greater community effort. This is what our group is all about. Josie agreed and suggested that EVCG do outreach to the Rotary Club to enhance our community connections.

Bobbie explained that the ice lantern display (which was planned for sometime in January or February) could not be held this winter because the weather didn't cooperate. The weather did not stay cold long enough for the ice to stay frozen.

For Saint Patrick's Day: the plan is to decorate the metal snowmen (made from bicycle wheels) with green clothing. Need to gather green hats, mittens and scarves.

Other events under consideration for this summer: holding weekly BINGO and maybe a valley wide yard sale in June. Betsy mentioned that EVCG should look into buying some small tents to replace ones that were damaged last year.

b. Public Relations Committee: nothing to report

c. Capital Campaign: Betsy reported that the committee met last night. They worked on the brochure and photos. They are waiting to receive the cost estimates from the architect. The committee will meet again at the end of March.

d. Grant Committee: nothing to report

e. Hall Committee (architect updates): Mark provided a summary of the February 17 meeting which was held with the architect (Bread Loaf Corporation) and EVCG on Zoom. The architect presented revised plans that take into account landscaping and structural changes discussed at the previous meeting. The revised plans incorporate external and internal design concepts such as adding an outdoor retaining wall on the back side of the Hall, providing level access that would allow for better ADA accessibility, and making interior adjustments for location of the stairs to the balcony and basement. The structural renovations would also include additional framing to support the floors. In follow up to the meeting, the architect will work on preparing two cost estimates for the scope of work. One estimate will include the minimum costs for repairs needed to provide ADA compliant access and use of the building; while the other estimate will include a scope of work that includes optional features.

Betsy said she spoke with Trevor Lashua and Keven Taylor about where to hold a public meeting. Trevor doesn't think it's a good idea to meet in the Hall. Keven said we can use the fire station.

For future discussion: How to move forward with decision making on choosing a renovation plan and developing a budget? Who makes the final decision? What will the Town be willing to spend towards the renovation?

8. Old Business

a. Welcome Sign: Nothing new to report

9. New Business

- a. Establishing a Greeting Committee: Josie said this is on hold for now.

10. Future Actions/ Tasks

Betsy: check to see if more information is needed for the Welcome Sign. Check with Fire Marshal about holding BINGO

Allison: submit new list of advisory committee members to the Town

Josie: consider ways to drum up publicity for the public meeting with the architect and draft something to send to the group

Everyone: look for green clothing items to put on the bicycle snowmen

Everyone: consider uses for the new Zoom account

11. Next meeting: first Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 5:30 via Zoom.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM on a motion by Mark Kelley and seconded by

Josie Carothers.