

4.15.24 BACC BOD Meeting Minutes

Present: Laura Malieswski, Karen Kennedy, Jen Palmier, John Kascenska, Buton Hinton, and Michelle Cleveland. Via zoom: Chris Andrews and Elaine Wentzell

Call to Order: 5:07pm

Approval of November and January meeting minutes:

Chris made the motion to approve minutes from the November & January meetings, Burton seconded and motioned approved.

Updates from chamber members: No members joined.

Financials:

April's treasurer report was reviewed and shows a balance of \$33,094.18. Burton made a motion to approve the financials, Jen seconded, and motion approved. Chris mentioned we have a healthy balance and wondered what things we might want to do to help the community. Some suggestions: Scholarships, help with workshops, beautification for the local businesses. Look at donating to schools to help students who are interested in a trade. Elaine will look into the scholarships and will review all ideas at our next meeting.

Officer position: Chris will accept and stay on as Vice President for one more year.

Burke Fall Festival – The date is set for Saturday, September 28, 2024, and it will be the 35th anniversary. We will keep the vendor fee of \$50 and Jen can start getting vendors soon. Will try to schedule the planning meeting for July 11th at 5:00 PM at the Burke Mountain club. Look at getting an extra Sheriff for the day to help monitor traffic. We need to reach out to the fire department, for safety and so emergency vehicles can get around.

Strawberry Festival on June 28th in WB Park – planning notes attached

Other Business:

Jim Sullivan is working with the state of Vermont to bring EV charging in West Burke. 98% of the cost is covered if the grant is approved by the state.

Next meeting: June 10 at 4:45pm at the Wildflower - combined with KT Community Chat – Board should arrive at 4:30pm to quickly vote on anything that needs to be voted on or approved. Keep rest of meeting casual with chamber updates and conversation with attendees. Will be an in person meeting only (no zoom link)

Adjourn: 5:50pm