

Summer Residents Association
August Members' Meeting
19 August 2015
Neighborhood House, NEH

Directors Present: Baird, Boynton, Goldfarb, Graves, Janney, McCoy, Merriman, Moriarty, Pew, Roberts, Russell, and Schmidt

President McCoy called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm. The agenda for the meeting was distributed to the approximately 60 members and guests in attendance. McCoy thanked the members for their support and acknowledged the board, selectmen and the town manager for their work and cooperation. McCoy introduced the new project for landscaping the marina as a joint effort of the Garden Club of Mount Desert, the Town of Mount Desert, the SRA and the Marine Management Committee.

Charlie Merriman, Treasurer, reported the highlights of our financial position. Income, expenses, and cash on hand all reflect prudent management of our financial resources and our accounts are in solid condition.

Don Graves, Vice President, reported that our efforts at outreach have been successful. Total dues and contributions for 2015 have surpassed 2014, although dues lag last year. Our August appeal will result in additional dues and gifts to the SRA.

Jan Russell reported for Nominating the following as continuing as Directors: Graves, Janney, Moriarty and Wilson. New Directors are: Sid Graves, Margaret Hayes and Chris Reece. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed electing the slate as proposed.

Jackie Hewett, Economic Development Consultant to the Town of Mount Desert reported on the many successful events held during the past year. All events were appropriately marketed and advertised. The Thursday summer evening events have become a popular "tradition". Hewett reviewed the impact of the Urban Land Institute Plan of two years ago and outlined projects and studies going forward including a Main Street Development Study, the possibility of a Community Development Corp. (a not-for-profit organization) being formed.

Lili Pew reported on the status of the work being done by Tilson relative to improving internet access to the town. They are preparing a complete asset inventory and will produce a gap analysis and recommendations for filling those gaps by the end of September, 2015. Then the town will have a plan to "connect"

with a proposal relative to costs and then better broadband will become a reality which will have a very positive economic impact on our area businesses, etc.

Sam Shaw reported on plans for his new development on Main Street on the property next to McGrath's.

President McCoy led an open forum discussion with questions from the audience on a wide range of topics related to the continuing financial well being of the Town of Mount Desert and NEH, in particular.

President McCoy adjourned the general meeting at 5:40 pm.

Following the general meeting, the board, in executive session, voted on the slate of officers, unanimously approving the following: Donald P. Graves, President; Averel Wilson, Vice President & Membership; Philip S. J. Moriarty, Treasurer; Lili Pew, Secretary; Jan Russell, Nominating.

Respectfully submitted:
Phil Moriarty, Secretary

Attested:

Donald Graves, President _____
Date

Charles H. Merriman III _____
former Treasurer Date