

MECHANIC FALLS TOWN COUNCIL

November 23, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lou Annance, Chair
Wayne Hackett, Vice-Chair
Stephen Bolduc
Cathy Fifield
Nick Konstantoulakis

STAFF PRESENT:

Koriene Low – Town Manager
Shirley Marquis – Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joan Walton
Lisa Prevost
James Craig
Nancy Petersons
Erik Petersons
Matt Gary

Wayne Hackett called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm with all Council, but Lou Annance present. We stood and saluted the flag. Lou came in about 6:50 pm.

Reports:

None at this time.

Public Comments:

No public comments at this time.

Reports of the Town Manager:

Old Business

Historical Society: Koriene stated that she received the financial statements and the Historical Society has approximately \$2,000 in 2 active accounts. They have had no quorum since 2014. They did file for their tax id. The president is Matt Gary. The current bills are paid; they have been meeting but no quorum. They have 6 members listed, no treasurer since March 2015, and no president attending their meetings. Erik Petersons stated he had been out of service, with back surgery. The building had a problem and was out of commission for over a year, the town's insurance paid \$1,500 but the Historical Society took care of the rest of the cost. It costs \$4,000 to abate it, clean it and paint it.

Erik stated that they had rented it to Topps and they helped pay for the heat, but with the building out of commission, they found someplace else. The Council asked what they will do. Erik said, close the building, winterize it and drain the toilets and pipes. There is not a lot of parking in the winter anyway. We may have to do this every year. It was mentioned that they do have a plan.

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The Historical Society meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month, then they switched to the 3rd Sunday afternoon of the month, a lot of their people are elderly and it made it easier for them to get out and about. It's hard to deal with no officers showing up for the meetings. Getting people to participate on the board, there is no interest. By having the meetings on Sunday afternoon, we do get people to stop by the Historical Society. It's very hard to get people involved. It was asked if the suppers do well. Harvest Hill used to donate the Beef, but after being closed for a year, they no longer do that, we have to buy the Roast Beef, and that takes away a lot of the profit. 2 Suppers since, not a great success. Maybe if we are consistence they will start to do better. The Historical Society asked the Council to given them a year, if it does dissolve, they will deal with it at that time. James Craig stated that they did upgrade the electrical, but a lot needs to be done to maintain it. The condition is deteriorating; they will need to do fundraisers for the general repairs and maintenance. The next meeting is Sunday, December 20th at 2pm. If they do shut down for the winter they will re-open in May and have an open house. A cold building is good for preservation. Wayne Hackett stated that they needed to get enough people for a quorum to run a meeting. Their email list is extensive; you need to entice them to get involved. Dave and Cathy Griffiths would be a good start for grant writing. Close the building for the winter, and check back with us next fall. All our committees are hurting. It was asked that Public Works check out the building monthly to see that it stays secure. Erick asked that they reimburse Charles Bouchles for a window that he paid for that never got done. It was asked to have the town take over the books, but the town is not on any financial records. They would have to hold a meeting and vote to turn the accounts over to the Town. They all involved would need to go to the bank together and sign off.

Stephen Bolduc made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nicholas Konstantoulakis. No further discussion. So voted. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Marquis
Town Clerk