

## Antrim Community Board — DRAFT Minutes — July 26, 2023

**Members Present:** Gordon Allen, Chair; Rose Novotny, Secretary; Helene Newbold, Jennifer Adams

**Alternates Present:** None

**Members of Public:** Mark Murdough, James Panico, Shelly Connolly, Janis Boyle, Kevyn Torunski, Laura Torunski, Richard Hanlon, Mark Tenney.

**Handouts and Emailed Documents:** Agenda (Allen), May 24<sup>th</sup> Minutes (Novotny), Revised Draft of Proposed Change in Bylaws to allow appointment of liaisons (Allen)

1. Call to Order: 5:36pm. Quorum.
2. No Agenda changes. Guest introductions.
3. Review of 5/24 Minutes. Jennifer moved, Helene seconded, Minutes approved unanimously.
4. Swap Shop Water Issues. Swap Shop volunteers discussed water channeling and how the back of the building needs help to improve drainage and flow of rainwater. The roof leaks and there is damage to items on the floor due to water flow. The immediate solution has been that nothing can be stored on the floor. Items were placed in bins without tops but got ruined due to roof leaks. Discussion on the condition of a Town Building and how to approach getting the repairs needed. Unclear if the building was identified in the CIP report. Researching the CIP as well as the Stewardship Report from 2022 is needed. Group would like to approach Select Board following this research. Other points of interest included the other half of the Swap Shop building. Could this be usable space that is free of water issues? Further discussion about Swap Shop logistics and practices ensued. Action plans made.
5. ACB Member Emails. Format agreed upon. Approved. Gordon will establish.
6. Town Bingo Event Review Tabled. James Panico provided a resident's perspective and good ideas.
7. June 3<sup>rd</sup> Event Town Fair Review: Jennifer provided details on attendance and the buzz the event generated. 87 people attended. The feedback was very positive. People liked having so many community groups in one place. Raffle communication needs tweaking. 20 people signed up for Antrim Announcements.

There was a group discussion on ways to get the word out better for community events. The idea of a digital sign resurfaced and the group liked the idea of it being located at the Antrim Transfer Station to help residents keep informed of town happenings — most visit ARTS and it would not be a driving safety hazard like a Main Street location. A monthly mailing of events to every UPS address was also discussed -more frequent than the Limrik's quarterly calendar of events. Rose agreed to research how the Hancock Happenings gets distributed and who maintains that. Jennifer will look into digital signs.

8. Updates & Next Steps on Projects:
  1. Select Board Liaison Report – Tabled
  2. Welcome Team & Newcomer Projects -Tabled. Will wait until Lesley & Jenine can attend. Welcome bag supply bins okay to store in the Town Hall basement.
  3. Bylaw Change – Tabled until more members can vote.
  4. Antrim Players Restart. Costumes have been gone through in the Grapevine attic. Bill Nichols had several people show interest in participating at the June Community Fair. Antrim 275<sup>th</sup> Celebration coming up should include a Player's play. Bill Nichols has planned two training sessions in August: one for the lights and the other for set design as next steps. We will send out to our ACB list.
  5. Updating Antrim Map. Helene shared pricing quotes from Premier Printing
  6. Supporting Home & Harvest. Group discussion on the date change and the monthly meetings. Members would like to be involved in the meetings and need to get added to the email communication around planning them. Mark provided updates as he attended the first two meetings held for the planning of 2023 H&H. ACB agreed it made sense to partner on this effort. Discussion about it being changed from a town event to a community-run event.
  7. Inviting town officials to a joint meeting? – Tabled
9. August 2023 Work Plan Set.
10. Rose moved to adjourn at 7:29pm. Jennifer seconded. Unanimous vote. Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,     Rose Novotny, Secretary