

Western Sullivan Public Library, Delaware Free Branch, Callicoon, NY | 10.30.19, 5:30 pm

Meeting called by:Tracy Broyles, PresidentTimekeeper:Gina Fenton, Board MemberFacilitator:Tracy BroylesCall to Order5:34 pm by Tracy BroylesNote taker:Evan Eisenberg, SecretaryAdjourned7:10 pm by Tracy Broyles

Board members present: Tracy Broyles, *President*, Nicole Vallance, *Vice President*, Tom Dent, *Treasurer*, Evan Eisenberg, *Secretary*, Gina Fenton, Krissy Smith, Tanyia Vannatta, Kate Hawk, Robin Mailey. Other attendees: John Erik Karkula, Laurie Ramie, Rosie DeCristofaro, Tom Rigney, Jessica Roda, Paola Tawa, Jennifer Eaton, Monica Weir, Audra Everett.

## **AGENDA TOPICS**

## President's Report | Tracy Broyles

- Identity of the CBA:
  - While the consensus of the last few boards -- reflected in our projects, events, and membership
    policies -- is that we are evolving from a pure business association to a business AND
    community association, this change has never been ratified by the membership.
  - At our last General Meeting,, leaders of the Rock Hill Business and Community Association spoke to us about their own transition.
  - At our next General Meeting (Nov.), we would like to discuss the question of the CBA's identity, consider its practical implications, and put the question to a vote of the membership. We are announcing this now in hopes of strong attendance.
- Organizational, legal and tax status of the CBA:
  - In the course of fulfilling requirements for various grants -- in particular those related to the Depot project -- issues came to light which the Board is trying to resolve. the Board is working to resolve, including the question of the CBA's tax-exempt status.
  - Our articles of incorporation indicate that we intended to be a 501(c)3, but the application was never made. As a dues-paying-membership organization, we have been operating more as a 501(c)6, and we have decided to apply for this legal status.
  - The Board has adopted conflict-of-interest and whistleblower policies and is in the process of reviewing others.

## Succession:

- Ideally, we would like the membership to vote on a new slate of Board members and officers in December so that they can start their term in January. A major subject of our next Board meeting will be to discuss who among us wishes to continue and in what capacity.
- John Erik: A lot of work for Beautification, especially the ordering of plants, was delayed last year because of the transition.

## Secretary's Report | Evan Eisenberg

• Motion to approve the minutes of the 9.25 General Meeting was made by Krissy, seconded by Gina, and carried unanimously.

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