

BACC Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2021
Bay Road
9 am

Attendance – Jane Bezanson, Jennifer D’Aubin, Caroline Perriman, Steve Clayton, Gary Olsvik. Nicole Hackenschmidt, Ro Allen, Laura Ricketts

Jen opened the meeting welcoming everyone and saying she would have to leave at 8:30

Jane reviewed last meeting minutes. There was one amendment to be made to the spelling of Nicole’s name. Steve motioned to approve, Gary 2nd the motion. M/C.

Business arising from last meeting. – Jen did not send out letter to County because the meeting that had been postponed was rescheduled. Jen did send out notices in the mail.

Town Meeting: There was a good turnout for the meeting even with the bad weather, the count was 50 plus people. It was well set up so people could get up and give their thoughts and opinions. 9 out of 11 of the County Councilors attended.

Elementary School – The people at the meeting seemed to be on board with this property being turned into residential and being sold. Some suggestions were making it housing for seniors or housing for young families. It is in such bad shape that it needs to be torn down and something else built.

Town Hall – Not opposed to it being sold but would like to take into consideration the meaning the building has to the community. A strong sense that it needs to be preserved. Could controls be put in to preserve the front of the building? Maybe get heritage status. Seemed a strong sense that they were being listened to by councilors.

Parking Lot – Made it clear that the Town needs parking for the business district and if the parking lot is sold where would the parking be. It was brought forward that there were strict conditions put on agreement when Irving gifted the lot to the Town.

Community Tax Rate – if the taxes go down it would have to be done before 2022 budget goes through. Allan and David are supposed to do a proposal to Council. We are county now and should not be paying double for some of the services such as RCMP Station, Fire Hall and recreation. The higher rate was supposed to stop after 5 years of joining the County and that time has gone by. It has been suggested that Allen Parish have a community meeting once a month to get feedback and communicate with everyone.

Gary asked if the Chamber wants to take on the commitment of the Town hall. He suggested putting together a committee to see if it is something to go forward with. Gary will look into it to see if worthwhile to go forward with.

Reports – Financial – Gary

Book Balance - \$27,029

Outstanding Receivables - \$ \$3,900
Funds Bookmarked for Events -
\$5,000 Ciderfest

\$351

Welcome Committee

\$3,792

Revitalization Team

Moonlight Madness – Nicole

Santa – Glen Clayton done it this year and did a fabulous job and has agreed to do it next year. Had 5 letters to Santa. Letters will be sent back.

Steve Bezanson done a great job of decorating the front of Integrity.

House Decorating Contest –

1st Place – Lester Conrad

2nd Place – Maroi Achkar

3rd Place – Donna Rice

Lester and Maroi donated their prizes to the food bank.

- Voting by email worked well.
- Next year only vote for your favorite place.
- Start first of December and have something every week to keep people involved and in town.
- Have parade of lights the end of the last weekend and end at Integrity printing were do reading of letters to Santa and announce winners of contest.
- Make it a 3 day weekend and do a live feed at integrity to draw people in to town.
- Start in September working on things to get it off the ground faster.

Membership Drive and Social 2022

- Have social early 2022
- Send out notices to get people interested to come and learn what the Chamber is about and what it does.
- Committee needs to be put together. Roe Allen and Nicole Hackenschmidt agreed to take this task on. They will get together and report back to Chamber.
- Gary and Steve agreed to be the nominating committee.

Steve motioned to close the meeting

Gary Second the motion

Motion Carried

Next Meeting

January 21st, 2021

8.00 am **Location to be announced**