

SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2011 – SEELEY LAKE HISTORICAL "BARN"

PRESENT: Adreïn Marx , Jack Greenwood, , Steve Johnson, John Richards, Walt Hill

ABSENT: Carol Evans, MaryAnn Morin

PUBLIC: 6 Public

ADMINISTRATIVE ASST: Kris Gullikson

Meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES: Hill noted 1 correction (Bartlett name misspelled) and Greenwood noted a 2nd error, Evans was not in attendance). He moved for approval of minutes with corrections. Richards seconded. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS: Evans not in attendance. Gullikson had received a request via email from Teresa Lacey to add the ATV meeting schedule to the SLCC Newsletter. She asked for Board input on this. Board pointed out that only governmental meetings were to be reported on the in the Newsletter, so the club should be steered to the local newspaper or the Chamber of Commerce. Gullikson will convey the message.

Gullikson reported the Seeley Lake Community Foundation had sent an accounting of the Communications Project which stated the balance as \$2515.64 as of May 13, 2011. This will cover the estimated expenses for the Project for approximately 6 months time. Richards suggested the Board pursue the County for funding and Marx gave a brief history on how the Co. is assisting in this. Sara Canapa, Rural Initiatives, has been assigned to assist in finding grants that may be suitable. Also, it was noted that no other Community Council gets funding from the Co. and Seeley Lake actually receives \$1000 per year. It was noted that another outside grant will be necessary for the Communications Project position.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Morin not in attendance. Report delayed until next month.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Adreïn Marx received notice from Rural Initiatives, Sara Canapa informed the Council about a grant the County would like to see combined with Bear Aware (Condon) called *Living with Wildlife*. It will provide bear proof containers to local residents through local businesses (such as Rovero's) for little or no cost. Rural Initiatives is requesting the Council write a letter of support for this idea to the Commissioners. Marx offered to write the letter, as the Secretary is not present. Hill seconded. All in favor.
2. Ken Kronsperger commented on support for ATV group on Newsletter Meeting notice n Newsletter. Jon Haufler explained that the Newsletter is specifically set up for government related news and that the grant that funds it is set up that way.

NEW BUSINESS:

All Community Council Meeting: Marx reported on the May 23 meeting in Frenchtown. They discussed what is successful and what is not. Missoula Best Place Project presented on Economic Development in Msla. Co. Manuals were distributed and 1 ea. was sent for Gullikson and Richards. Next meeting will be in the fall. Date undetermined.

Gullikson requested her mileage expenses be paid by the Council for the Leadership Class hosted by MC. Johnson moved to approve and Richards seconded. All in favor. This will be billed in July.

Introduction of new chair assignments within the Council: Jack Greenwood- Chair; Walt Hill- Vice-Chair, Secretary, Carol Evans-Treasurer. Nominations were taken and voted upon. As Evans and Morin were not in attendance, voting was in favor of retaining office. At earlier Executive Session (same date @5:30 pm) Johnson moved to wait on a vote until the absent members were present. Hill seconded. All in favor.

Committee Chairs: John Richards-Trails, Ron Cox & Carol Koepcke Co-chairs. The subject of conflict of interest was brought forward for discussion as Richards also builds trails within the Co. Marx read the Seeley Lake

Community Council By-Laws as below: Section 4. Conflict of Interest: A member of the council who may have a financial or personal interest in an item under consideration by the Council shall declare that he/she may have a conflict of interest. The Council shall then decide whether such member as such a conflict. That member shall be excused from the Council in the decision on the conflict and shall not participate in the vote taken on the item. If it is determined that such member has a conflict, he/she shall not participate upon a vote or discussion of such item. Such member may participate as part of the public in attendance in providing information to the Council on the item. Any disqualification shall be entered into the minutes of the meeting.

* ALSO, a pdf of the Missoula Co. Community Council Handbook, page 32 of 38, will be considered part of these minutes as an attachment by email and in print for files.

OLD BUSINESS:

DOWNTOWN ZONING: Marx reported that Pat O'Herren will present next steps at the July or August meeting. He is currently working with the DARLOA group on zoning for Double Arrow.

Richards commented on the proposal to move forward on downtown zoning in his opinion was without a majority of public support or vote. He stated that any zoning and Land Use Plan should be put to a vote of the people. He went on, "if that is what the people want here, fine, but six people or 3 Commissioners should not decide what the people want. Let the people vote on zoning and the Land Use Plan." Other Board members voiced that this process was done during the LUP and approved by the BCC. Steps will be taken to inform the public on process and Pat O'Herren will be presenting "Next Steps" to the Community on this in July or August. Discussion on process known to this point. Past Council Board member, George Frasca, stated that during his tenure on the Seeley Lake Community Council, he was "very pleased with the sincerity and honesty of the Council". He also stated the Council is a only a conduit to the Commissioners.

EQUIPMENT STORAGE IN DOWNTOWN: Community member not present. No comment. Richards said he had not heard a word from anyone about it.

WATER QUALITY DISTRICT: Hill gave a brief history on what WQD are and do. He stated that the full load of responsibility for payment of the sewer district would be better off NOT being put on only a few users. If it can be distributed to a wider scope, such as partial payment covered by at WQD, that would be best. He also stated funding is very tight. He informed the Council that the Sewer Dist. is working with MC on securing additional funding to pay for the SL Sewer system. Hill will continue researching legislative intent on this issue. Discussion on public input. Hill noted that if Seeley Lake were an incorporated town that a WQD could be within our boundaries. He reported with a City Council we would govern ourselves as far as funding for a WQD and many other things. Going further, Hill stated the Montana State entitlement of \$280,000 per year for each incorporated city/town would be available to Seeley Lake. Also a Tax Dist. set up would mean all property taxes within the district would come to the local government as well. Seeley Lake would then need a Mayor, judge and not necessarily be full time. All other services could be contracted with MC. The Resort Tax could assist in funding projects voted upon by the residents as well.

Discussion on steps of Incorporation. Hill informed the Council it would start with them and move to Public Meetings from there. Hill stated he has the statutes for reference if anyone is interested.

RECREATION/TRAILS COMMITTEE: Ron Cox requested a letter of support from the Council for grant funding. The Co. has informed them that the Airport Rd. trail needs to be surveyed again due to changes (material additions) since the last time it was done in order to make it up to code. *** Richards says this was in a letter introduced after the meeting. The records show that this letter was sent by email to Jack Greenwood on June 10, 2011. Copy will be attached to minutes. Marx motioned to write the letter and Hill seconded. All in favor. Cox will draft a letter and forward it to the Council prior to sending.

UPDATE ON HIGHWAY 83: Cox reported that the rebuild project from Clearwater Jnct. north for 4 miles on Hwy 83 will be done next year as well as north of Seeley Lake to the summit by July 18th. Cox's "best guess" is following year the update around Salmon Lake would be done.

AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE: Ken Barber reported on the CRC hosting of the woodstove change-out community meeting. It was well attended and residents talked among themselves to resolve solutions to issues at hand. Sara Coefield and Ben Schmidt (MC) were present as well as Guy Hanson from Axeman in Msla. Focus was on getting things done easily and at the least cost. The Community came together in discussion to make a difference. He stated Loren Rose has the list of residents needing the switch out of stoves. Five wood drying racks have been built and Barber stated that resident enthusiasm is building and that "CAN DO attitude" will get this project done.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Johnson reported that attendance was slightly down at the last meeting, but the Committee is trying to narrow their focus. Next meeting is Th., June 9, 7 pm at SLE.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:39 pm

The SLCC meeting set for July 11 due to the 4th of July falling on the first Monday of July.

Agenda items for July: Sound system, Newsletter funding and assistance, Motorized Trail Committee, Budget for SLCC

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