

Seymour Pride Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

Monday March 9, 2009

7:00 p.m. Flaherty Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Kristen Scianna, Joe Todice, Dwight Wildman, Jane Moore, Kim Osgood

Members Absent: Kevin Baxter

Meeting called to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Kristen Scianna

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Kim to approve January 12, 2009 organizational meeting minutes, Kristen seconded. 3 in favor, 2 abstain, motion carried

Approval of 2009 meeting Schedule: Motion by Kim to approve 2009 meeting schedule, Kristen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Update on Committee's Status with Town:

- Kim reported that she had spoken with Dee in the First Selectman's office and the Committee will be represented under the Who's Who on the town web site. At this time it is still not listed. Kim or Kristen will follow up with Dee over the next couple of weeks.
- We are able to list our upcoming events on the Town Crier news reel on the town website and post activities at the Community Center.

Report on Non-Profit Designation:

- Kim reported that in order to do any fundraising for future events, that the committee would have to have a non-profit designation and a tax identification number.
- After discussion it was decided that Kim and or Kristen would follow up with Dee if she has information on where to start, and to go on the state website and find information for the next meeting in April.

Discussion on introductory events to introduce committee to community:

- Kristen began the discussion on how she would like to come up with an easy event that would introduce the committee to the community. Some of the ideas were a gift card drive, a gift basket raffle to help the needy in the community, or a Seymour Pride Festival highlighting the different clubs, organizations, and merchants in the area to show the community what Seymour has to offer. Jane questioned what our committee goals were. She was under the impression that the committee was set up to clean up the parks. Joe spoke on how the need is there to clean up the parks and have a safe environment for the kids and other patrons that use the park.

He expressed that we should keep our introductory event simple and make our presence known in the community on a regular basis. Dwight mentioned doing some small projects working towards one big project a year. After the group discussion the consensus was to use the upcoming Seymour Clean - Up Day in May to introduce ourselves to the community. After that we would do a clean- up event once or twice a month around town and go from there.

- Joe said he wanted the group to keep our events simple and to the point, to have people come out and volunteer and provide time and services to the committee. Kim said that at each clean up we should have a table with a mailing list sign up for future events, a suggestion box and a flier with what the committee is about. Kristen also mentioned designing a logo and t-shirts and other items that we could wear and hand out at these events to promote the committee. Kim also mentioned designing a lawn sign that might be left at each site that was cleaned to show we were there.

#### Update on Seymour Clean up Day:

- Kim said that she had spoken to Jimmy at Zois pizza and they were planning a walk through in downtown Seymour this upcoming week with the Dennis from Public Works Dept. to designate the areas that needed work and create a wish list. He is going to call with the date and Kim will let Kristen know so someone could join them.
- Kristen suggested it might be a good idea to invite Jimmy to our next meeting to discuss what we can do for the day. Kim also suggested to talk to him about setting up a table either where we're working or somewhere else that would have our information on it.

#### Other Business:

- The group discussed what had to be done before the next meeting. Kim would speak to Jimmy about the clean-up day. Kristen and Kim would be meeting with a printer to design a t-shirt, logo, etc. Kristen or Kim would meet with Dee to discuss some questions on what needs to be approved by the Board of Selectman, tax id and non-profit designation the town website and other questions on our upcoming events. Kristen and Dwight were going to make contacts to get lists of organizations within the community who are looking to volunteer.

Adjournment: Kim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Kimberly Osgood, Secretary