

WHELOCK COMMUNITY INITIATIVE
DRAFT MEETING NOTES
Thursday, January 12, 2023, 3-4 pm
 In Person, Town Hall

Present: Tanya Brewer, Enid Ellis, Ann Lawless, Hèlène Millas, Eileen Boland. Meeting opened at 3:05 pm.

Agenda: No additional items or changes

Minutes of December 8, 2022 Meeting: Hèlène moved to approve, seconded by Enid, and voted unanimously.

Welcome Baskets - Enid reported no new baskets distributed since December. She noted that 2-3 new Wheelock residents would be normal in a year; in 2022 there were six.

Holiday Food Drive: A report was shared in the December meeting.

Project Ideas/What do we want to accomplish in 2023? What can we do prior to ADA access?

Welcome Baskets	Enid is willing to continue this initiative and will stay in contact with the Town Clerk's office for notices about new residents.
Wheelock News	Eileen is willing to continue this initiative and will "push" emails of public interest or benefit to the WCI email list. A "business highlight" note in WN can direct people to the website.
Sheffield Food Drives and Clothing Swap	Hèlène is willing to continue, Tanya agreed to stay involved (she is in contact with Sara Camber and other joint community efforts, e.g., dessert auction. Continue to promote food drives and clothing swaps
Little Library	A beautiful cedar and glass structure created by Bradley Brewer was on the Town Hall stage during the meeting. It awaits staining the wood and perhaps other decorative art by Miller's Run students. (photo attached to minutes) Plan: place it near to Town Hall on supportive surface (placement in consultation with plow operator).
June Yard Sale	Hèlène is willing to continue as organizer for this event
WindowDressers	Local planning meeting 1/19/23 (Ann plans to attend). WCI involvement will be discussed at the February meeting including a plan for a display at Town Meeting. An option is to join an effort with Lyndon so more towns and volunteers involved and a better construction space. Tanya is interested in being involved and knows other interested volunteers.
WCI website upgrade	Ann has started to work on it; link to Eileen's Mail Chimp work?; add the business directory
Change email program	Eileen has set up a Mail Chimp account; sent one email via it; more work to do
Fun outside event with food – ice cream social	Needs more discussion; could be combined with other activities such as the dessert auction
Garden at Town Hall	Could be a "master gardener" project; needs more discussion
Possibilities	Hobbies & Collections event, could be combined with other activities (outdoors?)
DROPPING	Town Heroes – town meeting; Free Exchange; Spring Seed Swap – needs ADA access

"Business Ask" Template: Ann's draft template for setting up business listings was appreciated as a great start to that portion of a re-vamped website. More discussion is needed, plus volunteers to contact businesses. To do: create a list of businesses, identify the contact person and phone/email/website before making "the ask". Annual fee (donation) to be collected before inclusion in the directory. This initiative could be announced on FPF to generate interest.

Financials: A motion by Hèlène, seconded by Enid, to adopt the 2023 budget was unanimously approved.

Narrative for the 2022 Town Report: Ann's draft was very comprehensive and much appreciated; suggested additions-3 food drives, clothes swap, and edits to the steering committee, add Bradley Brewer, delete Audrey Tomasi and Paul Tomasi.

4:20 PM Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 9, 3:00 pm, in person, upstairs Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Boland

