

Lower Village Meeting, Town of Kennebunk  
September 12, 2016 – 8:00 AM Washington Hose

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. The minutes from July were approved.
3. Sgt. Andy Belisle reported that it was a relatively uneventful summer.
4. Laura Dolce gave the Chamber update:
  - 4.1. Leifer buses are starting up. A few schedules were changed due to last week's tropical storm. We are still having issues with cruise ships and bus company schedules not being well coordinated.
  - 4.2. The Chamber is planning a scarecrow contest this fall. There will be an event at White Columns on 10/30.
  - 4.3. Pajama Shopping Day is scheduled for November 26th.
  - 4.4. The Annual Chamber Dinner is this Thursday - Drive for Five.
  - 4.5. The Chamber will be expanding the Prelude shuttle to both weekends. 2 full weekends plus Fire & Ice Shuttles.
  - 4.6. The Chamber is partnering with Kennebunk Savings Bank for Lunch and Learn programs, the second Wednesday of the month. The first one is this Wednesday "20 Steps to a Great Community" - a video.
  - 4.7. Many local businesses are having issues finding good full time service workers, Laura is going to set up a meeting to address this issue.
5. Laura also gave an update on the bridge. Brian Emmons, who is a local Kennebunker, is in charge. October 17 is the start date. One lane closure will start October 24th.
6. Annie Cox from the Coastal Training Program at the Wells Reserve spoke about a Resiliency project that is being coordinated by the Reserve, the Chamber and Kennebunk and Kennebunkport. They want to help businesses prepare for climate change, flooding and extreme weather events based on a post-Katrina Gulf of Mexico study. They will be reaching out to businesses in the the Oct-Dec timeframe.
7. Miriam Whitehouse, a LV resident since 1979, reported that she had submitted an application to the Economic Development Committee and would like to be considered as the LV Committee's representative to the EDC. At a Selectman Workshop on 10/4, there will be a discussion of the EDC's proposal to include representatives from LV, West K and Downtown in the Committee membership. Miriam asked whether there was the possibility of holding LV Committee meetings at another time since her job precludes attendance at 8:00 AM. After some discussion, it was decided that the majority favored retaining the 8:00 AM meeting time. The discussion of representation on the EDC was continued until after the 10/4 meeting.
8. Betsy Smith reported that the memo from the LV Committee to Mat Eddy and Chris Osterrieder on ideas for bench locations got a detailed response from them which took issue with many of the suggested locations. There was a discussion about how to move forward including Laura Dolce's offer to enlist local businesses in the project. Betsy, Pat Foley and Bonnie Clement agreed to meet later in the week to come up with a plan to keep the project on track.

9. Betsy reported that Chris Osterrieder had not yet followed up with the Maine DOT re totem pole signs as promised last May.
10. Bonnie attended an Ordinance Committee meeting about proposed changes in the plastic bag ordinance to take effect in October. There will be no changes.
11. There was a general discussion expressing frustration at the Committee's lack of traction, concerns about the deteriorating condition of several properties in the LV Business Zone and the new traffic signage.
12. The next meeting will be Monday October 3, 2016 at 8am, Washington Hose
13. The meeting was adjourned

ATTENDANCE:

**Committee**

Besty Smith  
Bonnie Clement  
Wendy Ross  
Pat Foley  
Theresa Willette  
Laura Dolce

**Other Guests**

Mat Edy, EDC  
Sgt Andy Belisle, KBK Police Department  
Dick Morin, Board of Selectman  
Miriam Whitehouse  
Edie Lamberts  
Nina Spencer  
Jill Lalumiere  
Chuck Reid