

BSVA MINUTES — Jan. 23, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Josh Befell, Bob Boulrice (127 Hinckley), Margaret Carsly (127 Hinckley), Alex Ghiselin, Peter McLean, Sue Norton, Regine Spector, Norm Spencer, Stephen Taranto (261 Riverside), Dian Welter.

COMING EVENTS: The Bay State Playdate — Sunday, Feb.11, noon to 3pm — a drop-in at Feiker; The Bash — Sunday, April 8, 12noon - 3pm: The Spring Clean-up — sometime in April, if Jeff wants to lead it; The TagSale — Sat., June 2 (rain date: June 3) Gary Hartwell will organize, as usual. We need more publicity about tagsalers donating 10% profit to BSVA; The Picnic at Maines Field — Sat., Aug.18, 3p—6p. Alex will check with Sandy Mandel to see if the UUBand is available then.

NEWSLETTER: Regine and Diane will write it and get it printed. Deadline for contributions: Friday, March 2. Folding party, Sat.,March 10, In the afternoon 12:30 — 2:30, at Regine's house, 89 Riverside Drive. Articles will include: List of Coming Events; Scholarship (Alex will negotiate with schools and write article); Clement Street Bridge (Peter reported that the city DPW has done the engineering work and made repair plans for ten more years of life for the iron-truss bridge. No bids are out yet, and it may not reopen until late spring or summer. There is also a request in place for the feds to make the bridge an "historic monument.") Other newsletter articles : Hinckley St. repair (Jeff & Alex); Hinckley Trace (Wright development on old Dostal farm.) Bob & Margaret recently moved there, said 7 of the 8 condos are sold. He will write an article for the newsletter. Bamboo Restaurant — no volunteer to write yet.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Norm said he invested our assets in Vanguard Mutual Funds. They have increased from \$13000 in 2007 to \$21000 this year. Josh and Peter will work with him on the finances to increase the scholarships (now \$350 — \$400 apiece),and to give a regular donation to Nonotuck Preschool for our meetings and events here. We also talked about how BSVA could relate to local businesses. Perhaps let them run ads in our newsletters? No decision made.

ANTI-NUKE: Sue said that Physicians for Social Responsibility, under the direction of our local Dr. Ira Helfand, was urging every organized group in the country to support "Back from the Brink: A Call to Prevent Nuclear War." She passed out literature, reminded us that the Northampton City Council has already endorsed the Call. Group reaction was negative: We cannot do political issues. We don't know if we represent the community. Josh suggested Google Group as a format.

Submitted: Sue Norton, Secretary