

ATTENDANCE: Josh Bedell, Stephen Taranto, Norm Spencer, Bill?, Margaret, Sue Norton, Mark Warner, Ben Baumer, Alex Ghiselin, Gary Hartwell

- Bash recap: Julie has agreed to coordinate the Bash next year. Turnout was suppressed due to conflict with Frances Crowe march. We discussed various methods for increasing attendance, including changing the name, moving the sign, and time of announcement.

- Traffic calming: nothing new, Peter will reach out to DPW and report back.

- Upcoming events:

- Cleanup (4/6): meets either here or at Maines Field at 9 am. Alice Rich Lewis is in charge.

- Earth Day Forum at NHS (4/22): Monday, promoted in newsletter.

- Wayne Feiden, Northampton Director of Planning (4/23): coming to BSVB Board Meeting (a la David Murphy). Stephen will coordinate and think about whether snacks are appropriate.

- We discussed the possibility of selling ads in the newsletter or in a revamp of the calendar, both to raise money, and to preserve history. Alex and Sue have the original content. Ben and Josh expressed willingness to work on digitizing the archives.

- Annual meeting (5/28): need attendance to elect new officers.

- Tag sale (6/1, rain date 6/2): Gary will coordinate ads, which will run Thursday through Saturday.

- Picnic (9/7): Alex has booked the venue at Maines Field. Josh will ask Ben W. about music again. We will explore the possibility of a two-day rental to account for rain

- Charter committee (4/30): presentation about rank-choice voting and age 16 voters. Should we move from elected clerk to an appointed clerk? JFK Middle School at 7 pm.

- Marijuana facility on Ladd Ave (Mark Warner): Recall column in DHG about concerns about odor. What is the recourse if they lapse on promise to control odor? Law requires a public presentation, leading to grant or no grant. Odor is not a state issue, strictly a local issue. Holyoke passed no-odor law over Mayor Morse's veto. Easthampton has similar law. Northampton does not. Willard's pit facility will be huge compared to the Ladd Ave facility. Mark has been unable to get through to Mayor Narkewicz. We discussed various preventative measures. Can we get something in writing from the company? Drug addiction triggered by smelling pot? Need to build argument based on public health, rather than nuisance issue. Josh will email Community Growth Partners (CGP) person to follow up. Conservation Commission

can write in conditions, for an individual permit -- we could approach them about writing in a no odor condition. They will also need a Building permit.

- Annual donation to Nonotuck: last year we gave \$120 for use of the building. Norm will give Josh a check.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25

Submitted: Ben Baumer, co-VP