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**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting of September 27, 2006 held at the Memorial Building, 7:00PM

Note: These minutes are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Committee at its next meeting.

Present: Brandt Denniston; Donna Ruel; Bill Sullivan; John Trachy; Todd Richardson; Dee Worthen. Absent: Dick Kipperman

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Donna Ruel, Chairman

Minutes of the August 30, 2006 meeting approved as submitted

Todd reported on efforts to obtain a mailing list based on vehicle registrations in town. He spoke with Janet Roberts and was advised this is not possible. Dee suggested approaching Cynthia Anderson for this information.

Donna reported on the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Selectmen (Bob Anderson, George McCusker, Neil Huntoon was absent). A summary of the various proposals was presented. The Selectmen, although appreciative of the information, reminded the Committee that its charge is to report to the Town Meeting, not the Selectmen.

Bill noted that we will need to have a report to be included in the Town Report. Deadline should be the end of January or so.

Dee distributed a list of proposed questions for a survey. These will be emailed to members for additions, changes and comments.

Donna noted that the proposed Warrant Article allowing for inserts in the tax bill mailing was given to the Selectmen. It appears to have support.

Donna reported on the proposal for mailing the Town Report. The Selectmen appear to be non-committal. The consensus is that this should be presented as a Warrant Article. If the Selectmen do not support it the Committee will petition for insertion in the Warrant.

Brandt provided a status on the possibility of having an intern or student doing community service. Colby-Sawyer College agrees that we do not have enough to merit an intern. The Community Study Director at CSC suggested that the work might be integrated into courses in small segments. Brandt still is working on this. Discussion: maybe what is needed is someone to coordinate communications between the various town boards and committees. Donna is to outline a project description for review in October.



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Donna reported that the cost to purchase a full page in the Kearsarge Shopper is \$390.20. Directly mailing a newsletter would cost about \$500 plus Committee labor. John reported that Attorney Paul Sanderson of the NH Municipal Association strongly discourages consideration of soliciting advertisements to defray the costs due to First Amendment issues and the lack of statutory authority to sell advertisements. General discussion regarding the merits of mailing versus the Shopper.

John suggested that the various recommendations need to be put in print and refined for possible Budget Committee presentation, Warrant Article(s) and Town Meeting report. Donna to work on this.

The next meeting for this committee is to be Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Sincerely,

John D. Trachy  
Secretary