

Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway

April 2014 Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Boston Hotel Restaurant, Boston NY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Lennartz, Ron Klinczar, Kim Bowers,
Bill Even, Bill Krebs, Pat Lamonte

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Pat Keem

1. Schedule for Future Meetings:
 - a. Second Thursday at 6:30PM of the following months:
 - i. January, March, June, September, and November.
 - ii. We are attempting to limit the number of meetings to ease the burden on members, have more efficient use of our time, and avoid winter weather conditions.
2. Location for Meetings:
 - a. To be decided before each meeting.
 - b. Goal is to move meetings to ease travel demands on members, be active in the communities along the Byway, yet, quiet and conducive to discussions.
3. Cattaraugus County.
 - a. Receptions of the Byway during a presentation given by Bob Lennartz and Ron Klinczar indicated mixed support for the initiative. Yet hope of acceptance still remains high.
 - b. All required resolutions for support to the expansion have been approved except for Great Valley and Cattaraugus County.
4. Consolidated Funding Grant Application.
 - a. More to come.
5. Status of Bylaw Review:
 - a. Kim Bowers and Ron Klinczar will review and prepare a list of points for discussion with the rest of the committee.
 - b. Updates need to be made, simplified, and followed. **Levels of membership and titles needs to be clarified in regards to members, officers, and directors.**
 - c. **After review of the Bylaws, we will be holding election of officers.**
6. Website Updates:
 - a. Bill Even is working up a proposal for website revisions, to include SmugMug photos that are on the Byways website as a slide show on the opening page.
 - b. A link to our new presence on Twitter @Southtownsbyway needs to be added.
7. Town / Village Contributions:
 - a. Bill Krebs is working on a communication in letter form that would be sent to Towns and Villages for contribution follow-up.
 - b. Bill will be handling the duties of managing municipal support and setting their expectations as we move forward.

- c. Discussion took place on various benefits to the communities for their support. More to follow, including the concept of municipal membership in an advisory type group. Form and format still to be decided.
8. Private Sector Financial Support:
 - a. Pat Lamonte and Bob Lennartz will work on ways to follow up with financial support efforts from the private sector.
 - b. The Byway will prosper if we can gain private support as dependency on dollars from municipal sources is becoming an ever increasing challenge.
9. The WNYSSB will be receiving the Beacon Award on May 5, 2014. Kim Bowers will research and circulate information to all members in regards to the Award Ceremony Luncheon.
10. New possible members:
 - a. David Kaczor – former Orchard Park Councilman, via Bob Lennartz
 - b. Patti Stephens – former co-manager of Chimes for Supreme Court campaign and current member of ECFRW, via Kim Bowers

Next meeting will be on Thursday June 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.