

Notes from - 9/11/2014 Communication Group Meeting (Envision Barrington)

Meeting held at: Horseshoes Plus, Inc. 8 Oakhill Road, Barrington; 6-7:30 PM

Attendees:

- Steve Diamond
- Susan Frankel
- Dawn Hatch
- Paul Mausteller
- Dave Mincin
- Jacki Saunders

Discussions:

1. Paul looked into funding from the Knight Foundation; distributed 1 page flyer on applying for funding.
 - Action: Jacki agreed to draft a letter as a template to use when inquiring about available funding.

2. Steve provided an update on website software, suggesting Word Press is a good possibility for our needs. A brief discussion ensued about the website ABetterBarrington.org: Was the website still active, should we consider being part of the website or taking it over, does it make more sense for the group to do something separate from ABB and build its own identity?
 - Action: Steve agreed to contact Charter Weeks regarding the status of the ABB website

3. Group decided to set-up own website and discussed domain name. The next step will be to identify parameters and set-up procedures for maintaining the website and deciding what information gets posted. Suggestion was made to include an opinion section.
 - Action: Group agreed to the domain name: OurBarrington.org
 - Action: Steve will register the domain name; Jacki contributed to the estimated costs
 - Action: All group members agreed to search for website procedures from other websites that could be useful for the group

4. Dawn reported on her inquiry of Town Hall employees on improving communications. Suggestions included: set up a link for users to get information of meeting and other activities in town, a computer station in town hall that residents could use to find out information about Town meetings, post information to the bill board at the recycle center, move bulletin board from the parking lot of old town hall and set it up near library/recreation/learning center so residents are informed, determine the cost for the town to include information in the Town Common, determine if we could get a page in the Rochester or Dover paper, find out about use of the camera by committees, see if local businesses would support a monthly paper with ads, and look into the Forum newspaper to get started

5. Paul gave an update on the town's cable channel and cable access. The town's cable channel 26 has been changed to 99.6 per digital update at Metrocast. As of now, the channel is used for town-based information only.

- Action: Paul agreed to look into the contract to see if it is negotiable and can be expanded beyond town functions to include community issues
- Action: Paul agreed to ask to get the cable contract on the Selectmen's Agenda
- Action: Paul will let the group know when it gets on the Agenda

6. Steve asked if there is a way to get the audio from the video of the town meeting

7. Another question was raised about whether another meeting was planned to bring together the other Envision Barrington committees.

8. Update on Barrington website review.

- Action: All members agreed to look over the Barrington website and send comments and recommendations to Jacki. Jacki will keep a list of all the comments.

Other Business: None to report

Team Members:

- Jackie Cilley
- Steve Diamond
- Susan Frankel
- Dawn Hatch
- Paul Mausteller
- David Mincin
- Jacki Saunders

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Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 25, 2014, 6:00PM, at 8 Oakhill Road, located across from Congregational Church. This is Jacki Cilley's home. If her husband meets you at the door, just tell him you're with her Envision Barrington working group. This is a brown bag meeting, bring your own dinner.