

**Minutes for
Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD
Meeting 06/12/09**

Next monthly TRIAD meeting will be September 11th @ 9:00am at the Gorham Municipal Building

Meeting called to order on 06/12/09 @ 9:00AM by Dave Garthe, co-chair

Present: David Grathe, Sylvia Brackett, Mary Vetterline, Philip Curran, Terri Norton, Susan Germano, Ted Hatch, Christine LaBranche, Marilyn LeBlanc, Eileen Whynot, Nathan Acker, June Scothone, Fred Collins, Arline Leach

Review and approval/disapproval of 05/18/09 meeting minutes – all approved

Committee Reports – no reports

Unfinished Business: Ted Hatch updated the group on progress of meeting with Ray Richards. Paul Gasper has agreed to sit with a TRIAD member on the Ray Richards show to introduce our TRIAD to the public. We will be able to video the session and run it on public cable. No date has been set yet but Ted will keep us informed.

Sylvia Brackett is still making contact calls and having great reception. Fred Collins will continue his calls this month.

Susan Germano is still working on the Charter for the TRIAD. She suggested that we move forward with the Charter for the fall and not worry whether the Attorney General can attend. The members agreed to this and will send Susan any names that they feel would be good advocates to have at our TRIAD charter. Some suggestions were Local Police Chief, Local Fire Chief, Town Council members. Send suggestions to Susan by June 19th.

Ted Hatch is still working on the TRIAD's Tax Exempt number with Bill Jenks.

Eileen Whynot donated several VIAL for Life packets to the TRIAD. Ted Hatch and Christine LaBranche will pass them on the local Rescue to see if they will pass them out. We should put a rolling advertisement on public cable that the Vial for Life is available. Fred Collins offered to send a Thank-you to the group that assembled the packets initially. He will bring a card to the Sept. meeting for everyone to sign.

A rolling advertisement is running on public cable about dropping old cell phones off at the police stations. These phones will then be distributed to SMAA so they can be reconditioned for 911 phones. A suggestion was made to have the high schools assist with collection of old cell phone in the fall. Safelink is another program that offers free cell phones to those who are eligible. Another resource if we need it.

The door lock replacement went well at Village Crossing. Avesta housing would like to Thank the TRIAD for installing the locks. Dave Garthe suggested a monetary donation. Ted Hatch will email pictures of the installation to Eileen Whynot so she can run them in the Senior News. Also, send them to Stacey Farrington so she can put them in the local newspapers.

The Identity Theft presentation on 6/11 was small but went very well. There was a suggestion to change the time of the presentations from evening to morning for better attendance. This presentation was video taped and will run on the public cable station.

Arline Leach offered her son-in-law for printing future projects. He owns Sinet Signs in Gorham. Ted Hatch will call a friend from SAPPI to see if they donate paper for future printing projects.

The Windham Correctional center is making the clip holders for displays. Cost to the TRIAD is \$11.00 each.

New business: Members were asked to vote on holding summer meetings. All approved to hold meetings until September.

Phil Curran offered to assist Susan Germano through the summer with organizing the TRIAD's charter.

Ted Hatch and Christine LaBranche will be in contact with their Town Council members to see if any will attend the September 11th TRIAD meeting.

A "Public Relations" section should be added to the agenda each month.

Whip Around:

Sylvia Brackett went over concerns from her phone calls. All were addressed.

Future meetings should be given to dispatch so they know where the meetings are being held for anyone who calls in.

Please RSVP to the Annual State TRIAD meeting for Sept. 28th. Ted Hatch can drive the Gorham Rec. van if we have enough members attending.

For anyone wanting to attend – South Portland/Cape Elizabeth TRIAD is meeting Sept. 10th.

For anyone who would like to be an officer of TRIAD – these positions will be filled in the fall. Please think about it over the summer.

****SPECIAL NOTE:** Fred Morrill is stepping down from his Co-Chair position for the TRIAD. We will be presenting a plaque to Fred for his dedication to this project on June 19th @ 9:00 at the Gorham Mister Bagel.

Future Projects:

1. Identity Theft
2. Transportation issues
3. Traffic Safety
4. Cell phone collection
5. Define monthly topics to run on public cable
6. Lobbying any of the TRIAD concerns

Meeting adjourned @ 10:20

NEXT MEETING: Sept. 11th 9:00-10:00AM @ Gorham Municipal Building