**WCI Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 5:30**

**Wallingford HubCap, 128 Center Street, Wallingford, CT 06492**

**I. Call to Order**

Nikki Trocchio called the meeting to order at 5:32

 **Present:** Nikki Trocchio, Bruce Conroy, Nick Lombardi, Chris Kingston, Alison Cady, Leah Masella,

 Peter Ford, Nate Battone, Linda Adamo, and Mike Brunjes arrived 5:40 pm, Jeffrey Knickerbocker arrived at 5:40 pm, Marge Abbagnaro arrived at 6:15 pm

**Staff:** Liz Davis, Stephanie Garcia

 **Absent:** Wes Krombel, Jason Michael

 **a. Appointment of Temporary Secretary**

 **Motion:** Nikki Trocchio made a motion to appoint Linda

Adamo as temporary secretary. Bruce Conroy seconded the

motion. Motion passed.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

 **a. Meeting Minutes**

 **Motion:** Bruce Conroy made a motion to approve the minutes. Chris

Kingston seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**III. Guests:**  Jaqueline McFarland (resident), Kristen Gilbride (Green Kettle) and Brenda

 Ruggerio ( Paradise Hills)

**IV.** **Standing Reports:**

 **a**. **Treasurer Report** - Tabled; she reviewed the report once Marge arrived.

 Jeff Knickerbocker made a motion to approve the treasurer report, Bruce

Conroy seconded. Motion passed.

**b**. **Executive Directors Report** - report was emailed to board members, no

questions.

**c**. **Social Media Report** - Restaurant Hop is sold out! Stephanie asked

Leah from The Eatery, how can we help your business stand out on the

hop night as you are a bit further out? Leah is hoping with 619

participating hoppers will be more apt to visit The Eatery. Suggestions

of balloons, sidewalk chalk, and A-frame signs with arrows pointing to the

restaurants on the outskirts will be helpful, as well as social media.

The website is updated with all the Hop, Art Show details, etc.

**d.** **Celebrate Wallingford Update** - Liz will be setting up a meeting with the

 Fire Marshal, Police Dept., etc., and she will notify the board of the

 meeting date. Mike Brunjes will chair the entertainment.

**V.** **Old Business:**

 **a.** **Movie Night** - Jason is absent; tabled

 **b**. **Landlord meeting** - Wes is chairing, and Nick and Wes are collaborating with

the EDC. How can we help the landlords? What do they need to improve

their properties? What are we doing about blighted property? Landlords

need to ask for help. Our downtown needs to look welcoming, especially

in the area of the Quinnipiac/Route 5 intersection. Would like to see more

retail downtown and look to merchants to suggest what they want to see

downtown. A suggestion was made to review a copy of the Conservation &

Development report to help see the vision for Downtown Wallingford. Liz

is preparing a list of all the landlords with their properties owned, phone

number and email address.

**c.** **Hop/Art Show & Wing Fest** - Hop is sold out. There will be an Art Show

 In conjunction with the Restaurant Hop. Artwork will be set up in different

 areas around town. Also, there is an Art Show at 4 Center St. for the

 next 2 months.

Applications have been sent out for the Wing Fest. Four have committed,

looking to have 8 - 10 restaurants. The event will be at the Elks Club, tickets

go on sale May 20, with a limit of 175 tickets.

**VI. New Business:**

 **a.** **Annual meeting** will be held on June 4th. Jeff Knickerbocker made a

motion to hold the dinner meeting at Le Jardin for a cost of $250. Chris

Kingston seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**b**. **Bylaws** need to be reviewed prior to the June meeting to see if any

 changes or updates need to be made Suggestion was made to have a

better description of the expectations of board members. Board officers will

be voted on at this meeting. Liz will email board members a copy of the

Bylaws.

 **c.** **Outdoor dining** - approval of outdoor dining in Simpson Court will be

 discussed and voted on at the Town Council meeting.

**VII. Public Comments** - no public comments

**VIII.. Executive Session the purpose of the session is a discussion of Kara**

**Morrison’s application as a board member.**

At 6:40 pm, Jeffrey Knickerbocker made a motion to go into Executive Session. Bruce

Conroy seconded the motion. The motion passed. At 7:15 pm, Jeffrey Knickerbocker motioned to come out of executive session, and Bruce Conroy seconded.

**IX. Adjournment**

 At 7:16 pm Jeffrey Knickerbocker made a motion to adjourn, Chris Kingston seconded.

Motion passed.