

Mascoma Community Healthcare

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors

Dale Barney presiding

January 12, 2015

Canaan Hall

In attendance:

Voting Directors – Carolyn Barney, Scott Berry, Barry Clause, Barbara Dolyak, John Dow, Gili Lushkov, Mary Paquette, Jim Spaulding, Pete Thurber; new tonight Lori Dacier

Ex-officio Directors – Dale Barney, David Beaufait, Michael Paine, Mike Samson, Alice Schori

Not in attendance – Karen Gray, Ed McGee, Sean Murphy

Excused – Barbara Birdsey, Linda Von Reyn

Interested community members – Ben Harris, Russell Lester, Jon Putnam, Denis Salvail, Philip Salvail

Approval of Minutes –

Minutes of the December 8th meeting were approved. (Motion made by Dow, seconded by Paquette.)

Committee Report Summaries –

Finance committee (Paquette and Samson reporting) – Balance sheet as of 1/9/15, profit and loss (4/1/14-1/9/15), and checking account reconciliation detail (month ending 12/14/14) were shown and copies are filed with these minutes. As previously requested, Samson presented lists of all donations from 2013 and 2014 and expenses through 12/3/14. Paquette has records of expenses paid after 12/3. Board approval of expenses over \$500 was granted: \$687.50 for dental clinic plan review (motion by Paquette, seconded by C. Barney) and \$580 for the sign on the future building site (motion by Dow, seconded by Dolyak). After much discussion, a motion was approved to ask the Finance committee to bring to the next board meeting a proposal to establish a policy for approvals and pre-approvals (and at what levels) of expenses. (Motion made by Berry, seconded by Lushkov.) We are still awaiting a decision about 501(c)3 status.

Building lot issues (Samson reporting) – An addendum granting a time extension to the P&S for the building lot was approved with a minor change to the property line defining Lot 45-3 and authorizing D. Barney to sign it. (Motion made by Dow, seconded by Paquette.) A form granting “Release from Declaration of Protective Covenants” was presented by Samson. The form will need to be signed by 11 affected property owners before we can proceed with purchase. Several minor changes were suggested concerning retail sales related to health care, clarifications about lighting, consultation with affected landowners regarding shrub placement, and mention of construction noise. Approval was granted to use the form with the discussed revisions as approved by a sub-committee meeting with Samson, John Dow and Scott Berry (and any other interested Directors). (Motion made by Dow, seconded by D. Barney.) Revised form is filed with these minutes.

Election of new board member – Lori Dacier, MPH, from Grafton, former director of the Mascoma Valley Health Initiative, recruited by C. Barney, was approved as a new board member. (Motion made by Paine, seconded by Thurber.)

Fundraising committee (Samson reporting) – An outline of funding options (USDA, Sustainable Energy Funding Program, and Lake Sunapee Bank) was presented and explained. In any case, we need to raise another \$100K-\$150K. Decisions by major funders for each option are pending within 3 weeks to 3 months.

Building committee (Dow reporting) – meetings with the architect and the cost estimator have not yet achieved the goal of bringing the cost per square foot down to \$200. Some changes may be necessary to streamline access for the dental clinic. The possibility of going with other funding options is still under consideration. Further action is on hold until funding issues have been clarified.

Equipment committee – Thurber presented the latest equipment list.

Communications committee (Berry reporting) – The sign is up on the building lot. Lists of pledges and survey results were presented. The Valley News published an article about donations for the clinic. Beaufait suggests having an information table at the school district meeting.

Other Business –

The board expresses thanks to Jon Putnam for making it possible for the project to move forward with his generous land deal and concessions.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dow, seconded by C. Barney.

Next Meeting –

Monday, February 9, 2015, 7pm, at Canaan Hall (?).

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Schori, Secretary