

Community Relations Board Minutes
January 14, 2015, 6 p.m. Municipal Building

Attendance: Albert Snyder, Karen Durham, Annette Sanchez, Robert Taylor, Dana Hackley, Dianne Wainwright, Commission Liaison Steve Silverman, Staff Liaison Susan Morgans Absent: Susanne Wagner,

Call to order: Vice Chair Albert Snyder called the meeting to order at 6:04

Consideration of Minutes: September minutes were approved with one correction.

Citizen Comment: There was no citizen comment.

Chair's Report: Dana Hackley and Susan Morgans reported in the chair's absence on an upcoming meeting to be held with a group of Cedarhurst residents who have some neighborhood concerns they hope the board can help them resolve.

Commission Liaison Report: Steve Silverman provided the board with an overview of the Commission's ongoing plans for deer management. The purpose of this was so that members would have accurate and current information on a topic that is being widely discussed throughout the community.

Staff Liaison's Report: Susan Morgans reported that she and Manager Feller suggest that since the board's role continues to evolve it might be a good idea to bring in a consultant (paid for by the municipality) for a few hours in the coming months to develop a strategic plan for moving forward. Several members agreed that this would be a good idea and there was consensus to make this a topic of discussion at the February meeting.

Topic of the Month—Evaluation of Forum on "Finding Help in Mt. Lebanon." The board felt the forum was a big success—well attended, full of good information, excellent audience participation and response and great moderation by Mary Robb Jackson. They thanked the public information office for its assistance. It was agreed that a survey of participants immediately following the forum might have been useful but it is too late now; board will keep that idea in mind in the event of another forum. Other suggestions for future forums included trying to attract an audience more varied in age and keeping the introductions shorter leaving more time for the Q & A portion of the evening.

Adjournment and next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 7:25. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 11, at 6 p.m. in the municipal building.