

Community Relations Board (CRB) Minutes
Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 6 p.m., Municipal Building

Attendance: Susanne Wagner, chair, Lisa Borrelli Dorn, Dianne Wainwright, Robert Taylor, Annette Bassett, Dana Hackley, Steve Silverman, commission liaison, Susan Morgans, staff liaison.

Call to order: Chair Susanne Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes: The December minutes were unanimously approved with two corrections.

Chair's Report:

—Susanne Wagner thanked Commissioner Dave Brumfield for mentioning the Community Relations Board's new Community Service Award at the last Commission meeting... Susanne reminded the group that Chief Inspector Joe Berkley will attend the February meeting to discuss the "quality of life" issues he comes across in his work... Susanne asked everyone to consider if he/she would be willing to be chair or vice chair of the board, as terms expire March 31. Dianne Wainwright volunteered to coordinate the nomination process... Susanne said that even though her term is expiring, she would be willing to serve on a board mediations committee. Susan Morgans will check with the solicitor to be sure the board is allowed to have such a sub-committee... Dana Hackley expressed an interest in helping with mediations. Commissioner Silverman said the Commission would consider funding mediation training after the six-month trial period ends.

Commission Liaison Report Commissioner Silverman reported that the Commission will appoint a new member to the board at the next regular meeting.

Staff Liaison Report Susan Morgans said the FAQs on deer management are posted at www.mtlebanon.org and that a municipal committee is working to ensure that the deer management program proceeds safely.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Community Service Award: Lisa Borrelli Dorn will look into some sort of plaque that can remain at the municipal building, as well as some small token of recognition for the award winner. Susan Morgans said a \$100 budget would be fine. Dana Hackley, Annette Bassett and Bob Taylor will serve as the judges. Susan Morgans will put the nomination form in March magazine and promote contest on line. Applications are due March 11. Susan will bring nominations to the CRB meeting March 9 and email any that come in by the 11th. Judging will take place by Monday, March 21. Susan will review the suggested judging process with the committee.

Community Engagement

Bob Taylor will write the next "Get Engaged" column for May magazine, due March 10. Subject will be local government structure and how people can have input. 600-700 words is the right length. Thanks to Annette Bassett for doing the first column on mediation... Lisa Borrelli Dorn reported that the Mt. Lebanon Partnership said it couldn't pay for artist to make the Unicorns to auction off and feels it would be difficult to get sponsors.

Mediations Susanne Wagner wanted to know if the neutral third mediator would have information about the dispute prior to a mediation. The third mediator will have only very basic information. Susanne asked how mediators would handle a situation where a group of neighbors had a concern. Groups will need to pick a spokesperson ... Susan Morgans will look into the possibility of getting cards printed that CRB members could pass out or that could be placed at the library, customer service center, etc. regarding mediations.

OTHER BUSINESS

Community Coffees Board will discuss this at next meeting if time permits.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT The next meeting is Wednesday, February 10 at 6 p.m. in the municipal building. The meeting adjourned at 7:08.