

WCI Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 5:30

Le Jardin, 86 North Main St., Wallingford, CT 06492

I. Call to Order - Jeff Knickerbocker called the meeting to order via cell phone at 5:35

Present: Wes Krombel, NikkiTrocchio, Nick Lombardi, Peter Ford, Kara Morrison, Marge Abbagnaro, Linda Adamo, Jeffrey Knickerbocker arrived 5:50 pm

Staff: Liz Davis, Stephanie Garcia

Absent: Jason Michael, Bruce Conroy, Chris Kingston, Alison Cady, Leah Masella, Nate Battone, and Mike Brunjes

a. Appointment of Temporary Secretary

Motion: Marge Abbagnaro made a motion to appoint Linda Adamo as temporary secretary. Wes Krombel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. Approval of Minutes

a. Meeting Minutes

Motion: Nick Lombardi made a motion to approve the minutes. Nikki Trocchio seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Guests: Kristen Gilbride (Green Kettle), Brenda & Rich Ruggiero (arrived at 5:40) (Paradise Hills)

IV. Standing Reports:

- a. Treasurer Report** - Marge reviewed the report. Nick Lombardi made a motion to approve the treasurer report, Nikki Trocchio seconded. Motion passed.
- b. Executive Directors Report** - report was emailed to board members, no questions.
- c. Social Media Report** - Report from Stephanie was emailed to board members, no questions.
- d. Celebrate Wallingford Update** - Sponsorships are coming in slow, Liz will work on follow-ups. A meeting was held on Friday, May 31st at 3:30 at WCI, the fire and police were not in attendance. Liz will schedule another meeting so they can attend.

V. Election of Board

a. Resignations or change of status -

Nick Lombardi made a motion to accept the retirement of Joan Parisi and Alison Cady. Peter Ford seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nick Lombardi made a motion to accept Leah Massella's change of status from board member to an alternate. Nikki Trocchio seconded. The motion passed.

b. Board Members Renewal of members for 3 year term

Nick Lombardi made a motion to accept the applications from Kristen Gilbride as an alternate and Amanda Gilbride as a board member. Wes Kromble seconded. The motion passed.

Nick Lombardi made a motion to reappoint Chris Kingston, Nate Battone, Kara Morrison and Wes Kromble to their terms for 2024 - 2027. Peter Ford seconded. The motion passed.

VI. Election of Officers

- a. President - Nikki Trocchio
- b. Vice President - Jeff Knickerbocker
- c. Treasurer - Marge Abbagnaro
- d. Secretary - open

Nick Lombardi made a motion to accept the nominations as stated above.

Peter Ford seconded. The motion passed.

VII. Old Business:

- a. **Landlord meeting** - Nick has been communicating with the landlords, Wes has been working on a database of all the landlord's information. They have been collaborating with Don from EDC and Kevin from the Building Department to better inform the landlords of all their capabilities.
- b. **Wing Fest** - 30 tickets have been sold to date. The ticket prices are \$30 and include a drink ticket. Five restaurants have been confirmed, Hubspoke, Elks, Tap & Vine, Christo's and Wood & Tap. Looking to get 3 more restaurants.

VIII. New Business:

- a. **Block Party** - To keep the uptown beat going this summer we will be hosting a block party on Thursday, June 20 from 4:00 to 9:00. Simpson Court and North Main St. from Center to Church St. will be blocked off (no parking after 3:30). Merchants will pay for Johnny Roz to provide music/entertainment. WCI will be providing tables and chairs to be set up for additional seating. WCI is encouraging the Center St. restaurants to provide a take-out menu that can be shared via social media to encourage people to do takeout and bring their dinners uptown and enjoy the evening. WCI is working on a plan for Thursday July 18 and also an end of the summer block party for Thursday, Aug. 23 with a rain date of Aug 24th. This block party will be hosted by Park & Rec, Seasons of Celebration, and WCI.
- b. **Bylaws** - Jeffrey Knickerbocker will chair a committee to review/update the bylaws.
- c. **Strategic Plan Committee** - Nick Lombardi will chair the Strategic Plan Committee. Marge Abbagnaro and Peter Ford will work on this committee.
- d. **Virtual Map** - The map is coming along. WCI will look to sell ads and get sponsors to help defer the costs of the maps. Marge Abbagnaro made a motion to approve \$4000 for the maps. Peter Ford seconded. The motion passed.

IX. Public Comments - no public comments

X. Executive Session - no executive session

XI. Adjournment

At 6:29 Marge Abbagnaro made a motion to adjourn. Peter Ford seconded. Motion passed.