

ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 3, 2016

PRESENT: Jack Marren, David Lee, Tim Niver, Mike Stockman, Jake Chard, Don Emirbayer, Petrea Rae, Barb Elliot, Trisha Turner, Mary Duprey, Mitch Donovan, Galen Powers, Dale Dewey, and Tina Kolaczyk

Jack welcomed everyone this morning.

David Lee – Finger Lakes Visitor’s Connection: The new Visitor’s Guide is now available and he passed out some for all to see. The focus is on a personal based experience – families, foodies and outdoor activities. They are always looking for activities and events to include in their materials and website. They can also help with listings to give them a fresh look.

Tim Niver – Victor Farmington Library: On Wednesday, June 8th from 1-7 pm they will be hosting an Open House to celebrate 20 years in their current building. The June calendar is also out. The summer reading program begins the end of June and will last for 6 weeks. Bob Kelly will do a presentation on the “Burned Over District” the religious reformation movement in the late 19th Century. This will be broadcast live over cable access channel 12 as well. The Burroughs Audubon Nature Club will host a family event on June 29th with instructors on birds, rocks, and other nature topics. The Library will have a “pop up Library” on site for that event.

Jack inquired about the ARC contracting with the Library for janitorial services at the Library. Tim said they are finalizing a contract with ARC for them to do that work.

Mike Stockman – Victor Parks & Rec: This past Monday was the Memorial Day Parade. It appeared to be the largest crowd in recent memory. Honor Flight has raised \$9800 to date with more funds to come in. A final count will be available soon.

Next Monday Cruise Nights start from 5-8 pm each Monday. Concerts start on June 9th and will continue until July 21st at Victor Municipal Park starting at 6:30pm. There will be a different food truck each week.

Jack thanked Mike and Department staff for all their hard work on these events, especially the parade.

Jake Chard – Senator Funke’s Office: The Legislative session wraps up soon and then it’s on to the re-election campaign.

Don Emirbayer – FLCC: The first Summer Session starts this week and another one will run later on. Registration for the Fall Semester is ongoing. Keuka College is using the campus for a couple of Masters Programs this summer. The Victor Campus Center Advisory Board meeting will be on June 29th.

Petrea Rae – Partnership for Ontario County: Their heroin initiative has been approved by the State and are partnering with Victor Schools on this. The forums are continuing and the next is at Naples on June 21st. Forums have been attended by 2800 students over the last year.

She passed out information on locations for proper disposal of medications. Locally we have locations at Mead square Pharmacy and at the NYS Trooper Barracks.

Family Support Centers are doing well.

Jack commented on Erie County's death rate being down from 9 to 7 persons dying each week from substance abuse. They are struggling with issues of "family shame" and outreach to families to help them deal with these tragedies. They are working on support services for these families. Thanks to these agencies and groups for all their efforts.

Barb Elliot – Serenity House: Barb passed out a poster advertising their upcoming yard sale August 18-20 at Rhoda's Auction Center in Bloomfield and asked everyone to post them in their locations. Items are needed for the sale and drop off information is on the poster as well. One June 12th they will have an Open House and ribbon cutting from 2-4 pm. Come and see all the changes inside and out.

A clean-up day was organized by the Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis and Chamber members.

Dale Dewey suggested perhaps the Swap Shop could become involved with collecting donations as well. More details will be worked out to host a Victor drop-off day at Town Hall.

Trisha Turner - Assemblyman Kolb's Office: Assemblyman Kolb is advocating for ethics reforms. Unfortunately many initiatives are blocked in Committee including the pension forfeiture provisions. He is working on different projects, such as Solar City, that are changing without reason. He has attended many local parades and events recently as well.

Jack mentioned that Honor Flight members will be honored at the June 27th Victor Town Board meeting.

Victor Central Schools: Trisha thanked the community for its support of the budget. The vote was very close but was approved. They still are the lowest tax rate in the area.

Jack commented that in the school board minutes he noted the significant debate on the budget items and thanked the Board members for their due diligence.

Trisha reported that they have absorbed an additional 530 students and lost \$85 million in school aid so the challenge is very real. But they still have the lowest tax rate in the area and one of the lowest costs per student in the entire state.

Mary Duprey – Victor Garden Club: Flowers are everywhere in the Village and the Town. Thanks to Brian Emelson’s crew for taking care of them and to the crews from the Garden Club who planted the plantings in the Village as well. Businesses are excited about the beauty and one made a donation to support them. The new sign is in place at the Four Corners area. Around \$7,000 was raised for the sign. The Club will spend their summer visiting gardens.

Jack thanked Mary and her group for all their hard work in fundraising and coordinating the plantings.

Mitch Donovan – Chamber of Commerce: He passed out flyers for The Craft Beverage Festival will be held on June 16th at Ravenwood. A cruise on the Canandaigua Lady is coming up on June 21st. The event is partnered with the Farmington Chamber. They are encouraging member companies to use this event as a corporate business event.

Remember to use the Chamber’s website to promote your events and promotions. These will also go to Facebook and the “My Chamber App”. They are also creating a concierge service for Victor working with local hotels, restaurants and merchants who will share referrals and leads between merchants. Holiday Inn Express, Finn’s Tap Room, VB Brewery, Ravenwood and Hoffends Wine and Liquor will be the first participants. This will be direct promotion from one merchant to another. Mitch is partnering with the Finger Lakes Visitors’ Connection on this new program.

He is also working with Mike Stockman and the local civic organization on upcoming events.

The Chamber offices are moving to new space next to Bistro 11. This space is a better fit for their needs.

Work is underway with the Merchants Group on Hang Around Victor Day. The plan is to load Main Street with craft vendors and they are also working on a merchant scavenger hunt that day.

Galen Powers – Victor Farmington Rotary Club: At the Conference last month out of a possible 15 awards, our club took home 4 Awards! On July 1st all clubs internationally get new leadership. Their recent yard sale netted \$1300 with some of those funds going to Honor Flight. The Youth Exchange program hosts about 7,000 in a year abroad program. This year Victor will host a young man from India. They are looking for host families for 3-4 month periods. If you know of anyone, please let Galen know. We usually send 1 student each year.

Dale Dewey – SCORE: The Rochester Chapter of SCORE hosted 73 workshops so far this year! They are audited each year since they are considered part of the Federal Government since they are affiliated with the Small Business Administration and this was listed in the audit. There will be 2 in June – one on how to hire an employee for a small business and one on how to save money on energy for your business. These seminars now start at 5 pm hoping to gain more attendance. Dale will be attending the National Leadership Conference for SCORE in St. Louis. This is a gathering of all chapter chairs and senior staffers from National Headquarters with a focus on performance and planning for the strategic direction of SCORE's focus.

Jack Marren – Town of Victor: The Public Safety and Emergency Services study surveys are now open online. Jack encouraged everyone to take the survey and give their input as well as contact information so more residents may be reached.

Jack passed out information including trail maintenance schedules from Victor Hiking Trails. Thanks to those members for all their hard work. Tomorrow is National Trails Day and there will be a local hike tomorrow.

Jack recognized Dan Williams, the Commander of our local American Legion Post, for all their hard work and ceremonies on Memorial Day. They did ceremonies at all local cemeteries, the parade, and a flag pole dedication.

Ganondagon received the American Institute of Architects Awards. Fifteen high school seniors, 4 of whom are from Victor, were recently recognized for their activities in the community.

Babette Huber has been hosting second graders from VCS here at Town Hall for a tour and historical presentation.

Kathy Rayburn was not present today since she was working on the kiosk at Eastview Mall.

Jack attended a retreat recently about a metro type government in Onondaga County.

Mary commented on the remark about negative comments received about paying workers to water flowers on the weekends. She explained that John Turner from the Village explained to her that these workers work on a staggered schedule so no overtime is paid.

Thanks to everyone for attending!

No Meeting in July. The next Roundtable Meeting will be August 5th at 8 am.