

**Community Relations Committee
MINUTES
April 21, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Members present: Ann Wild (chair), Kathy Strom (Town Council liaison), Scott Egloff, Cathy Wolf, Bridget Hartman, Erin Kopelman, and Putnam Ebinger.

Cathy Wolf offered a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2010 meeting, which Scott Egloff seconded and the minutes were approved.

Scott Egloff presented on the Neighborhood Watch program. Neighborhood Watch signs are up. Scott Egloff has copies of the finalized basic watch plan. We are still looking for more block captains. There is a meeting on May 18, 2010, which will officially launch the program. The Public Safety Information Forum is on May 24, 2010.

Bridget presented on Wider Circle; the collection of household items and toiletries has been extended until the end of April, 2010.

Ann Wild presented on the Manna Food Drive; so far the Town has collected 883 pounds of food.

The Progressive Dinner will be on October 2, 2010.

The Town Bake Off and Meet New Residents Event on April 11, 2010 was a huge success. We had 28 entries and lots of tasters. Caroline Mowry, who turned 7 years old the day of the Bake-Off, won with her delicious carrot cupcakes. It was recommended that the Bake-Off be shortened to 1 ½ hours next year.

The Discussion and Desserts on Climate Change on April 8, 2010 was another very successful Town event carried out in conjunction with the Environment and Climate Protection Committees.

The Spring Art Exhibit is May 21 – 23, 2010. The Wine and Cheese Reception will be on Friday, May 21, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served on Saturday from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. while the exhibit is open. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event.

There are five students interested in the Red Cross Babysitting Course; we need three additional persons to sign up in order for the course to go forward.

The Elm Street Park Party, previously scheduled for June 6, 2010, is being rescheduled to the Fall because the B-CC Jazz Band members are unavailable in June. Instead, we will have a Volunteer Appreciation Event on June 6.

Events that are not sponsored by the Community Relations Committee will now be published in the Forecast in a separate section called “Neighborly Events.”

Susan Milner is working on the July 4, 2010 event with a group of volunteers.

We are working on the Improving Town Services survey. The Community Relations Committee recommends keeping the same format with a few additional questions as the other committees deem necessary. The Community Relations Committee recommends adding to the survey whether people are satisfied with the Town’s efforts to encourage a sense of community.

The Committee has been asked by the Election Board for questions for the Candidates Forum, and the Community Relations Committee suggested a few questions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin L. Kopelman