

**Community Relations Committee
MINUTES
May 19, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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.

Scott Egloff offered a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2010 meeting, which Bridget Hartman seconded and the minutes were approved.

The Art Exhibit is this Friday, May 21, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, May 23, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Volunteer assignments for the weekend were confirmed. Checks only are being accepted and checks must be in hand to be a valid purchase. All proceeds go to Partners in Health, but are not tax-deductible since each piece of art is valued at \$100, the same as the selling price. All art can be picked up on Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Scott Egloff presented on the Neighborhood Watch. We have 27 active block captains and each captain has a quadrant of approximately 15 homes. Block captains will be gathering contact information from the residents in the quadrants. Monday, May 24, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. is the Public Safety Information Program. The committee clarified the line of communication, if an incident occurs, from the police through the Town to block captains, then residents. Warren has sent out a media advisory on the launch of the program.

The DaCapo music chamber concert was very well attended, but only 10 Town residents were in the audience.

The co-sponsored BCC Foundation Authors' Event was well attended.

There are still five (5) students interested in the Red Cross Babysitting Course; we need three (3) additional persons to sign up in order for the course to go forward. Belinda is contacting the Red Cross to see if these students can attend a similar course elsewhere in the area.

The Manna Food Drive is going great; so far we have collected 1,069 lbs to date.

The Volunteer Appreciation Event is on June 13, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The July 4th Parade and Picnic is coming up. Decorating bikes, scooters, etc., begins at 12:00 p.m. and the Parade begins at 12:30 p.m. We are looking for volunteers for set up and teardown. We will encourage people to bring food and backpacks for Manna Food Drive's Summer Smart Sacks Program.

We are looking for possible volunteers to prepare meals for Bethesda Cares; this will be in the September Forecast.

We are looking into possibly sending an electronic version of the Forecast via email, although residents will still receive the mailed version.

When one walks into the Town office, immediately on the right will be displayed interesting and creative Town residents' works.

We are trying to get Charlie Cook to come in and speak in the Fall 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin L. Kopelman