

Minutes of the Brooksville Friends and Neighbors July 11, 2012

Attendance: Jean Webster, Anne Ferrara, Lola Bogyo, Martha Chatterjee, Jody Spear, Joan MacCracken, Grace Gregor.

Brooksville Community Memorial Walk

This will occur on July 22 Sunday at 8:15am-10:00am starting at the north end of the Varnumville Road. The participants will walk a little over a mile to the curve in the road where a brief memorial service will be held for those Brooksville residents who died in 2011. Discussion of needed tasks occurred. Letters have already been sent to the families to notify and invite their participation. The names were divided up and we will see if we can find out a brief history on everyone (12 names) Joan will contact Matt Dow to be sure we have coverage at both ends of the road. She will also contact the Breakfast Shed and see if they will put out drinks again. We will try to have some chairs for folks who drive in the back way and need to sit. Tinder Hearth is ready to do tea, coffee and baked goods for afterward. We will arrange music. Flowers need to be gathered for tossing into the stream. Joan will check with Annie. There will be a notice in the packet.

Email will be sent out to the Breeze email list and the minutes should notify many others.

We decided not to make posters for this event. We also will have a donation jar available at Tinder Hearth for donations to Neighborcare but we will not push it because of the memorial atmosphere. We hope the selectmen will come or send a representative of the town. Dan Hoffman will try to again read a poem.

Hope to have a good turn out for this community event.

Latest eyesore in Brooksville

There has appeared a huge abandoned tractor-trailer along the roadside as you enter South Brooksville on the Coastal Road. This is located very close to the road and seems to be a driving hazard as well as a very unattractive addition. We decided that we should first speak to the selectmen about this addition. There have been old abandon cars there for years, which are somewhat covered by weeds. Some neighbors in the past have been concerned about the environmental impact. Many folks have noticed this and want to know more about its presents. Supposedly there is no license plate and thus it will not be going anywhere too soon unless perhaps some action is taken to insist on removal. This is an ongoing concern and we decided to find out what facts are known.

August 17th Friday night 5th Anniversary and Fundraiser of the Brooksville BREEZE.

Time 4:30-6:30pm at the Brooksville Elementary School. We discussed food options. There will be pizza from Tinder Hearth. We will have ice-cold sodas and juices, water, We have two bands to play. We discussed publicity. Joan will try to get Ellsworth American to do an article before the event. She will send notice to the Packet. Hopefully, the school will place an announcement on the board outside the school. Further discussion on possible ice cream continued. The possibility of the school kids helping

with that was raised. Anne raised the idea of a dunk tank as a fundraiser. Grace will look into that. We do not know if it will be cost effective. But Anne volunteered Tony!

As far as fundraisers go, The Flash in the Pans June concert raised 110 dollars. It was very early in the season and few tourists were around and the weather was poor, but folks had fun and we got to know the Grange participants. We receive 400 dollars from the town. Each issue costs approximately 400, so a total of 1200 per year. At this time we only have enough for two more issues. That is why this fundraiser is important. If each household donated 10 dollars or more in thanks for the past five years, we would be able to fund another two years.

We discussed putting an addressed envelope in the Fall Breeze to make donations easier. All decided that was worth a try. Thus we will have a stuffing session in September for that issue.

New Business: Jody asked about the Breeze publishing an article on the Callahan Mines. It was decided that at this time, it is appropriate to let the Packet continue its coverage in a timely manner.

Next Meeting will be Aug 1st 6:30pm-8:00pm to do further planning on the celebration of the Breeze's five years. Twenty-one issues have been sent out to all Brooksville residents over these five plus years.

Submitted,

Joan MacCracken,