



Town of Belchertown
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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Final Minutes of July 18, 2018

Members Present: Erica Rose, Karol Coffin, Donna Lusignan, Lorraine Alves, and Lisa Aiken.

Minutes by Clerk Lisa Aiken

5:30 p.m. – Chairman D. Lusignan called the meeting to order

- Minutes: K. Coffin made a motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2018 as amended. L. Alves seconded. Vote unanimous 5:0
- Discussion Items:
Scholarship Fund Account Balance Update: The balance as of July 16, 2018 was \$6,654.84. The Scholarship Fund was moved by the town Treasurer/Collector into a money market account as requested by the Committee.

The Sentinel Newspaper –Ad: A letter from the Committee appeared in the July 12th edition which noted our congratulations to this year's three recipients gave info on how to make a donation and thanked all public and private donors.

The Olive Bridge Fund: D. Lusignan received a call from a former Belchertown student/resident currently residing in Oregon, who represents The Olive Bridge Fund. His family's foundation is based out of NYC. This anonymous donor stated his organization was an ongoing contributor until year 2014 and wanted to reconnect. D. Lusignan followed up the conversation with a letter of interest and provided information on our committees work and fund. K. Coffin will inquire as to this funds previous contributing activity.

- Action Items:
Re-designation of Committee Members Duties: There are currently six members on the Committee; a School Committee membership is still in queue.
K. Coffin nominated D. Lusignan as chairman. L. Alves seconded. Vote unanimous. 5:0
K. Coffin nominated E. Rose as vice-chair. D. Lusignan seconded. Vote unanimous. 5:0
L. Aiken nominated L. Alves and K. Coffin as joint-clerks. E. Rose seconded. Vote unanimous. 5:0

2nd Quarterly Tax Bill Insert: The Committee discussed two potential inserts into the next tax bill cycle– the “Please Support” flyer and a “Frequently Asked Questions” (FAQ) handout. The Committee decided that the FAQ needs some editing prior to inclusion and will be used as an insert in a future tax bill. L. Alves made a motion to insert the “Please Support” scholarship flyer into the 2nd quarterly tax bill. E. Rose seconded. 5:0

- Next Meeting: The Committee will take a one month summer hiatus in August. The next meeting was set for Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Central School Office.

- 6:37pm - L. Alves made a motion to adjourn the meeting. E. Rose seconded. Vote unanimous 5:0