



Town of Belchertown
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
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Final Minutes of August 6, 2019

Members Present: B. Cameron, R. Bansal, S. Edwards, L. Alves, L. Aiken, E. Rose, D. Lusignan
Also present was Board of Selectman, Liason Nicholas O'Connor. Minutes by R. Bansal.

5:31pm -Meeting Opened

5:31pm – Confirmation of Memberships: Chairman D. Lusignan confirmed all committee members have been sworn in with the Town Clerks Office in order to serve on the Scholarship Committee.

➤ **Discussion Items:**

Scholarship Account Balance: The scholarship fund balance as of August 6, 2019 reached \$10,165.47. However, \$1000 was paid out to 2019 scholarship award recipient, Cameron Szarkowski thereby leaving a final balance of \$9,165.47.

Quarterly Tax Insert: Chairman D. Lusignan provided committee members with a draft insert to be included in the next town quarterly tax billing cycle. The deadline for this submittal to the Treasurer/Collector is by September 6, 2019. L. Alves made a motion to submit the quarterly tax bill insert as presented, E. Rose seconded. All in favor. Vote: unanimous 7:0

- **Action Items: Designation of Committee Members** : (Eff. July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020)
Chair – Donna Lusignan nominated by L. Alves, second from S. Edwards, Donna accepted
Vice Chair – Erica Rose nominated by R. Bansal, second from L. Alves, Erica accepted
Clerk – Ruby Bansal nominated by D. Lusignan, second from L. Alves, Ruby accepted

New ~ Belchertown Social Media Policy: D. Lusignan apprised the committee of the proposed town social media policy and committee participation. BOS Liason Nicholas O'Connor elaborated on the policy that is currently under review by town council and what the implications will be for Town Committees. D. Lusignan, as this group's Belchertown website author (www.belchertown.org), discussed how this policy might affect our group and requested everyone to think about how we might use social media to promote awareness and provide community outreach.

- **Miscellaneous**: Discussion was held regarding the Scholarship Committee's nonprofit status and why that prohibits us from fundraising. Mr. O'Connor offered his assistance to delve into this matter further with hopes to provide clarification. The Committee also discussed different ways to highlight what we do such as to have past awardees present current awards at the BHS Senior Awards Nite, place an article in the Sentinel, provide a table at awards night or the Belchertown Fair.

Set monthly meeting(s) schedule: The Committee set the next meeting date for Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 5:30pm to be held at the Central School Office.

- 6:28PM ~ L. Alves motioned to adjourn, E. Rose seconded, All in favor.