

NHLWAA
Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom

09/16/2021

Board members in attendance: Pat Murphy, Dana Brien, Todd Marsh, Trish Caruso, Karen Emis-Williams, BJ Parker, Charlene Michaud and Natalie Darcy.

Minutes submitted

1. Call to order, 9:34 a.m.
2. Minutes of the 5/20/21 reviewed. Motion to table and was not seconded. Minutes tabled.
3. Treasury Report: Dana accepted and seconded by BJ.
4. **A. Executive Board**
 - i. Navigate with Dana for September and November Conferences. Pat Murphy's assistance is appreciated.
 - ii. **Marilyn Ceriello Bresaw retired as of 8/13/21** and has resigned as Treasurer of NHLWAA. Marilyn worked in local welfare over 30 years and was a member of the board for 15 years. Marilyn had lots of County experience, fuel assistance experience and completed many years of community service work.
 - iii. **Charlene Michaud has stepped up to the Treasurer position.** BJ Motioned and Trish seconded the motion.
 - iv. **Pat Murphy offered to be the second signer to the treasurer.** It makes sense that she continues. Dana motioned and BJ seconded motion. Motion passed. The bank will need to have a letter for changes. Todd will work with Pat on this.
 - v. Committee Member Opportunities: Financial Committee – Pat nominates Charleen. No motion is necessary as it makes since that the treasurer be on the committee.
 - vi. **Legal Aid Right to Know** – Steven Tower had a discussion with Todd. Steven had been out on vacation. Steven had found it difficult to compare communities. Todd stated that he was good to work with. Charlene stated that Steven had a stack of documents to put in spreadsheets. This Right to Know got municipalities to think.
 - vii. **Housing Stability Update:** Todd's committee has not met. Melissa will speak at today's meeting. It is important to have local welfare representation. BJ is interested in becoming a representative.
- B. Committees**
 - i. **Legislative Affairs** – no updates
 - ii. **Training** – Dana is changing from role play to honing in on us as social workers, and is typically not crisis based. Will go through legal obligations. Melissa will speak in: the morning, then breakout sessions at lunch.

Planning for November: Panel will be comprised of the Executive Committee. NH Housing Finance Authority will present an Intro to Affordable housing Programs with Dee Pouliot including Section 8 Housing Vouchers, Home Ownership. Will also have Ryan Dowd Training – talk and listen when dealing with homeless. How they treat you is how you treat them. Practice empathy. This will build trust and report and clients are apt to accept the information. Dana will speak on Body language piece

- iii **Nomination Committee:** Should meet and consider recommending Laconia and Pembroke for new committee members. Todd felt that Laconia is a central part of the area and membership would be a benefit to Laconia. Pat discussed adding Murial, from Pembroke.
Karen has concerns about Laconia, one of them being APTD and assistance. Pat stated that it is important to have different perspectives. Karen indicated that she would not vote for Kathy Raymond from Laconia. Todd will get more information. Todd also stated that we as a board should represent different voices. The board needs to have representation from someone near the Lakes Region. Trish said to think about towns in the areas like the Lake's Region and to encourage joining membership. The membership committee will have a report at the October meeting.
5. **Next Meeting:** October 21, 2021 @ 9:30am Meeting will be virtual.
 6. **Motion to Adjourn** was called at 10:42 a.m.