

Saranac Lake Local Development Corporation

Monthly Meeting Minutes | May 8, 2024

Location: The Carry, 75 Main Street, Saranac Lake, NY 12983

Present: Jess Kemp, Blythe Niles-Linster, Matt Scollin

Absent: Jeremy Evans

Virtual: Stephanie Bolduc Mikesell

Board Chair, Stephanie Mikesell, called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

Minutes:

Matt Scollin made the motion to accept the April 10, 2024 meeting minutes as they were presented. Blythe Niles-Linster seconded the motion. The April 10, 2024 meeting minutes were unanimously approved (4-0-0).

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Mikesell reported:

- Updated Operating and Grants account balances will be provided in the June meeting.
- The 6er funds came in from the Saranac Lake Chamber of Commerce for just over \$300, which was lower than expected. Stephanie will check in before the June meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Governance: Matt Scollin confirmed that the committee did not meet between April and May meetings.
- Finance: Stephanie Mikesell confirmed that the committee has proposed changes, but no further update.

Old Business:

PO Box Setup:

- No updates to provide.

Google Form:

- Suggestions were made to the [Google Form](#) draft provided by Stephanie Mikesell. Stephanie will clarify the desired length of free-form responses and provide the option for applicants to upload a one-page PDF.
- When the draft form and website are both ready, the SLLDC will vote to approve both all in one go.

Other Advisory Boards Relationship Building:

Stephanie Mikesell reported:

- Jeremy Evans and Stephanie Mikesell are meeting with Katrina Glynn in May to gather information about Saranac Lake's advisory boards.

Board Recruitment:

- Now that the new Village of Saranac Lake Trustees have been sworn in, Matt Scollin will approach new board members to gauge interest.
- The Board agreed it could use members with a finance or legal background. Blythe Niles-Linster will chat with attorneys around town and it was noted that Village Trustee Aurora White has a financial background.

Flower Pot Project:

- No updates to provide.

Website:

- No updates to provide.

Village Budget:

Matt Scollin reported:

- The Saranac Lake Village budget did pass with a 4-1-0 vote, allocating \$25,000 to the SLLDC.

New Business:

2GoCup Program:

- Jess Kemp shared her experience of a country-wide reusable cup program while on vacation in Ireland and the Board brainstormed economic advantages and disadvantages if this were to be implemented in Saranac Lake. This is labeled as a mid- to long-term project.

- Blythe Niles-Linster will scout out the one American coffee shop in Connecticut who is in the program and report back.

Public Comment:

- None.

Jess Kemp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Scollin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0-0). The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Kemp
Secretary