



**Sandwich Business  
Group**

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**Sandwich Business Group October Meeting  
October 10th, 2019 Corner House Inn**

**Present:** Gunnar Berg, Vicky Galkina, Wendy Shambaugh, Jon Greenawalt, Cathy Crooker, Diane Johnson, Susan Davies, MaryAnn Schmidt, Cindy Oxton, Dick Seery, Lexi Townsend, Denise Roy Palmer

**Call to Order 8:40 AM.**

**Welcome to Visitors:** Cathy Crooker of Crooker Consulting

**Minutes reviewed and accepted.**

**Treasurer's Report reviewed and accepted.** There is a \$2,100 surplus, because the grant covered more items than originally anticipated. The surplus can be carried over to the next year.

**Ongoing Business:**

1. Dick gave an update on the Scenic Byway Initiative. The project is currently on hold pending resolution of the insurance issue. Consolidated Communications wants liability coverage for the banners, and the Town of Sandwich is reluctant to extend their insurance coverage to us for a non-town activity. Dick is checking with CCI to see if they can waive the liability insurance requirement. Wendy suggested looking into alternative placement methods, like leasing a 4'X4' piece of land with road frontage from a private party. Discussion ensued. Dick shared that it would be helpful if more SBG members attended Town Meetings concerning the Byway Project to show support.
2. Jon asked if the group members noticed any positive changes after SBG penned a letter to Concord regarding poor road conditions in Sandwich. There have been some small repairs here and there, but nothing major. Another group letter may help move things along.
3. Wendy gave a progress report on the Sign Project. Three SBG contractor members donated wood planks for the signs. Sign poles need to be scraped and painted, so we may have to wait until spring to do that. Another issue is that some of the current signs were placed on the poles without the approval of Historic District Commission, so now that we are having them replaced, they need to go through the approval process.
4. Cathy shared an update from the Broadband Advisory Committee. A Request for Information was issued last week to several high-speed internet providers to gauge their interest in bringing their services to Sandwich.

**New Business:**

1. Jon spoke about the content and format of the upcoming Member Survey. The survey draft was reviewed by those present. Wendy had several suggestions for survey questions. Discussion ensued.

**Motion was made, seconded and accepted to approve the survey draft as presented. Jon shall prepare and distribute the survey and review and report the results at the next meeting or as soon as feasible.**

2. Don Sutton will lead a webinar on Google Maps in November, date to be announced shortly.
3. 2020 SBG Membership Dues will stay at \$120 (\$130 if received after Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>) for full members and \$75 for associate members.
4. Christmas in the Village will take place the first week of December. SBG and Meredith Village Savings Bank will co-sponsor the horse and carriage for the event.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.**

Respectfully submitted, Vicky Galkina, Secretary.