

## Minutes of Heart & Soul Meeting July 13, 2017

Attendees: Steve Masson (coach), April Lemay, Judith Masson, Sue Gosselin, Frankie Sawicki, Katie Sawicki, Dianna Rancourt, Christine Cote, Jonah Cote, Dylan Gilbert, Les Klinefelter, Terrie Herr; guests Leanne Tingay, Sara Lightner

The meeting opened with a "meet and greet". Leanne asked everyone how things were going in Canaan: Notes taken were: there was a town election and Frankie had been elected Selectperson; Canaan was approved as a Village Destination; a grant via Efficiency Vermont was approved for the bulbs for the street lighting to change to LED; Canaan Schools have a new superintendent who plans to be a part of Heart and Soul but had another meeting this evening; robotics club created at the Alice Ward Library and are involved with competition; one member has created an on-line motivational site; Canaan Schools vocational programs had an evening of teen appreciation; this fall the three area schools (Canaan, Pittsburg, and Colebrook) will be launching a new format where students from one school can take courses at another with transportation; historical society has developed a DVD on Canaan and some of its inhabitants; once member has authored a book on Canaan; Alice Ward Library received a grant allowing them to refurbish the front of the building; soon there will be a new convenience store/gas station in Beecher Falls with 24 hour gas availability; the bridge from Beecher Falls to West Stewartstown is under construction; there is a new wooden sign depicting where the Beecher Falls Falls is located.

Leanne then stated she and Sara were checking in to see where our group was at; where we are with data? What have we collected? She and Sara will be back to discuss only with the data team. She discussed emerging themes from the people, which was how we got to our long and short term project list. How do we tell the story? Who haven't we heard from? We already have a lot of data. We are to appreciate what we already have and to preserve it. They will be meeting with the data team in August.

April then started the presentation portion of the meeting, reviewing the Community Goals:

1. Get something going;
2. Get the word out;
3. Get people working.

Judith then went over the scorecard and some adjustments were made.

The presentations were pre-determined in order via the agenda that had been previously sent out by Steve. The following are the presentations and the order they came in after scoring:

1. Cross Country Skiing/Hiking/Biking events
2. Improve the Visualization of Gale Street
3. Create "One Recreation Park Committee" tying with Cultural Destination/Writers/Artists/Etc.
4. Brick and Mortar
5. Homeless Shelter

It was decided that each group would create a one page sheet for each long term project above for the next meeting. This will be another data collection activity for the Moose Festival in August for feedback. The sheet should contain the title, goal/description, and the benefits.

### Next meeting

- August 10th, 5:30-7:30 at the Town Office
- Les moved to close the meeting; Frankie 2<sup>nd</sup>; approved.

Side-bar meeting on Stewartstown Day Parade float – meet Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 at Town Office