

**Belknap County Citizens Council
Annual Meeting – January 24, 2006**

SUMMARY

Attending: Susan Smith, Sarah Fox, Nancy Porosky, Mary Alice Warner, Christie Corrigan, Dick Wallace, Rich Moed, Leo Sanfacon, Ruth Castonguay, Jim Pilliod, Kevin Washburn, Rasim Gusinac, Emily Clement, Katy DeCarteret.

Welcoming and Introductions

Sue Smith convened the meeting at 4:40 PM. Members and guests introduced themselves. We were pleased to welcome Carol Allen, Micheline Roy and Rick Keller as guests and potential Council members. Commissioner Gordon Bartlett was introduced and welcomed to our Annual Meeting.

Election of Officers for 2006

A motion was made and duly seconded (Leo Sanfacon/Jim Pilliod) and subsequently passed by the Council to accept the ballot. Ballots were handed out and elections held. Ballots were collected at the end of the meeting and officers elected for the year 2006 were announced as follows: Susan Smith (Chair) and Christie Corrigan (Vice-Chair).

By-law Amendments

On a motion made and seconded (Rich Moed/Sarah Fox) the proposed changes to the by-laws were subsequently approved by the Council. There was one abstention.

Approval of Council Member Appointments

A motion was made and seconded (Mary Alice Warner/Nancy Porosky) to approve the appointment of Christie Corrigan for a first term as she has just completed an unexpired term of a previous Council member, and Katy DeCarteret to serve a second term on the Council. The Council voted unanimously to approve these appointments.

Acknowledgement of retiring Council members

Commissioner Bartlett read a Citation from Governor John Lynch, written for each of our first retiring Council members. Leo Sanfacon was the only retiring member present to receive this Citation. Commissioner Bartlett also thanked members for their commitment and dedication to serve this important function and thanked the Council on behalf of the Belknap County Commissioners.

Alan Robichaud presented Leo with an engraving highlighting his many years of service to the Council. The quote, from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., read as follows: "True compassion is more than flinging coins to a beggar. It comes in seeing that the edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring." Similar awards with personalized quotes will be presented to other retiring members at another time.

Other Business

Sue Smith announced that Steve Fountain of Meredith, has tendered his resignation to the Council noting conflicts with work-related duties which have prevented him from attending Council meetings. On a motion made and duly seconded (Rich Moed/Jim Pilliod), the Council approved, with regret, Steve's resignation from the Council. A letter will be sent to Steve to this effect.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Robichaud

NEXT MEETING

DATE: Friday, February 17, 2006 **TIME:** 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Busiel Mill, River Level Conference Room