

Attendees, Ben Douds, Ray Soderberg, Clara Winch, Partrick Heidenberg, Randy Gray, and Dawn and Penny, co –Farmers Market Mgrs.

7:45 the meeting was called to order by Ben Douds

Famers Market:

Discussion to move season start time earlier than the planned 06/24/2015, possibly to 06/03/2016. Because school is still in session, road cones would be necessary to keep FCPS persons from parking in the market spots. It was asked by committee members whether or not FCPS had been contacted, and Dawn indicated that yes, and that we are awaiting final approval from the BOE.

Walkersville is supposed to be added to the Frederick County Farmers Market website.

Dawn is looking into more advertising for the Farmers Market.

Motion made to move the start date of the Farmers Market carried 5-0

Randy suggested Brewsters Ice Cream as a possible vendor. He will check with them.

Annual Ethics Report:

Reminder to all committee members that these need to be filed with the town. Both Ray and Randy have turned their documents in.

Brochure:

Currently, not enough town businesses updating the Walkersville website to layout the brochure.

May need to contact businesses directly to get their input.

Maybe we should cross-reference with the WBPA website for business details.

Crime Cameras: comments by Ray

Commissioners/Burgess are seeking to install 21 cameras throughout the town. The cameras would be monitored by the front office of town hall. A business could be able to pay a fee to view the camera data with the police.

Not voted on yet – public meeting in Apr. 2016

Discussion on the Main Street Maryland program:

Ray passed out details/qualifications to be in the program.

We will look at and discuss next session.

Personal Property Tax in Walkersville:

Clara brought for discussion that Frederick County as well as Frederick City and other municipalities in Frederick County are phasing out the business personal property tax. Looking for thoughts on this and how it could affect businesses in Walkersville. Need to find out the tax impact currently.

Meeting adjourned 8:36pm

As submitted by Clara Winch