**Draft Minutes of the Treasure Chest Committee**

**September 13, 2019, 5:00 PM**

**Harwich Community Center: Room #5**

**Committee Members Present:** Tom Caruso, Eric Fahle, Heather Bolinder, Janet Evans, Sheila Eldridge

Cindy Beaulieu, Liz Watkins

**Alternate Members Present:** Mella

**Selectmen Present:** None

**Other Volunteers Present:** Nancy

**Others Present:** None

1. **Quorum:** A quorum of Treasure Chest Committee members were present at the meeting.
2. **Old Business:**
   1. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

The Meeting Minutes for July 26, 2019, were accepted, as amended, by the Treasure Chest Committee.

1. **New Business:**

**A. Treasure Chest Committee Vote on Treasure Chest Coordinator Position:**

Tom Caruso discussed the concept of a Treasure Chest Coordinator and stated that both Town Manager, Chris Clark and Link Hooper have approved hiring a Treasure Chest Coordinator. The Coordinator position would be posted by the Town and would be part-time, about 15 hours a week.

Tom noted some of issues pertaining to the hiring of the Coordinator as well as some of the miscommunication and misunderstanding between certain members of the Selectmen and Link regarding the position and whether or not the position had already been filled. This caused Link to take a step back and Link ultimately decided to have the Treasure Chest Committee vote on whether or not the Committee thought that the Treasure Chest was in need of a Treasure Chest Coordinator.

Tom’s Thoughts:

Since Tom has been a member of the Treasure Chest Committee and a volunteer, he has heard a lot about Pauline and how well things ran when she was in charge. Now that we have gone to “Harwich Only” Tom believes that we really need a Coordinator to:

* Enforce the “Harwich Only” policy,
* Bring consistency to what we take,
* Bring consistency to the Volunteers and customers, and
* Do all of the “Extras”

Tom believes that the Coordinator will also work as a volunteer and be part of the team. Tom is tired of dealing with complaints from customers. He says he can’t do it all. Tom feels he has failed because he can’t be at the Treasure Chest all of the time to deal with the issues as they arise. Hence, the need in Tom’s opinion for a Coordinator.

Cindy is not in agreement and believes the volunteers can handle the responsibilities of the Treasure Chest just fine. No need for a Coordinator.

Liz noted the cost of a Coordinator at 10K – 12K and thought it was a lot of money and unnecessary.

Eric indicated that the volunteers should be able to handle the responsibilities of operating the Treasure Chest without oversight by a Coordinator.

A roll call vote was taken on whether or not the Treasure Chest Committee members were supportive of the Coordinator Position and the results were as follows:

* Tom: Yes
* Liz: No
* Sheila: No
* Eric: No
* Cindy: No
* Heather: No
* Janet: Abstained

Tom will report back to Link and let him know that the Committee voted not to support the hiring of a Treasure Chest Coordinator.

**b. Other New Business:**

There was a brief discussion on where customers can get stickers. Sheila suggested that we erect a kiosk that provides information on where customers can get stickers.

1. **Open Session:**

No topics were discussed during Open Session.

1. **Set Date for Next Meeting:**

No meeting date was set.

1. **Executive Session:**

There was no Executive Session held during this meeting.

7. **Adjournment:** Adjourned at 6:05 PM.