

**Downtown Milford Inc.**  
**Board Minutes Downtown Milford, Inc.**  
**April 7, 2016**

**Present:** Brad Dennehy, Mark Dissinger, Paige Evers, Lisa Fitzgerald, SaraKate Hammer, Walt Hepford, Sara Pletcher, Pat Sparks, Bob Starkey

**Excused:** Irv Ambrose, Cheryl Doucette

**Absent:** Richard Carmean

**Executive Director:** Lee Nelson

**VISTA Volunteer:** Noa Kornbluh

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by SaraKate Hammer.

The minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting were amended to correct Ben Muldrew's name. With that correction, it was motioned, seconded and approved by Board members in attendance to accept the February minutes.

Eric Norenberg should be approached about taking Richard Carmean's seat on the Board of Directors.

**President's Report:** Downtown Milford Inc. and the city "blew it up" at the Downtown Delaware awards ceremony.

Downtown Milford, Inc. needs to expand the project area to allow more freedom of movement for projects and to allow the Historic Preservation group more flexibility in the scope of their projects as well. It is important that our project area encompass the south side of the river in light of the city's development plans. After much discussion, it was decided to continue discussion and finalize scope at the May 2016 meeting.

The response on Facebook to the proposed community garden was overwhelming. We have someone to take the lead on the project. There may be grant money available to assist with start-up costs.

**Executive Director's Report:** In addition to the Executive Director's report included in the April packet distributed to the Board of Directors, Noa Kornbluh reported that the Diversity Project's mural, *We Are Milford*, will be unveiled on Sunday, April 10 at 3:00 PM at Arena's.

The Entrepreneurs Group has decided to stay open until 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month to encourage people to come downtown. This is a one-year plan.

SNAP will be accepted at the Farmer's Market this year as will debit/credit cards through the same application. It is hoped that this amenity will encourage more people to visit the Farmer's Market and be able to purchase from our vendors.

**Financial Report:** A motion was made, seconded and approved by Board members present to accept the Treasurer's report.

**Design Committee:** The Milford Historic Preservation Group will be accepting applications for the \$4,000 grant money. The Board members in attendance asked that some tweaking be done to the application before it is sent out. There were also questions raised about the shared grant money. While the MHPG has committed their profits from the 2015 and 2016 Roaring Twenties Party, the Milford Museum will receive their share of the profits from the fundraiser and then it is expected that the museum will share the expense of the grant project.

**Economic Restructuring Committee:** Members of the Board raised questions about the proposed participation of local breweries, wineries and distilleries. Does the new law cover tastings as well as sales and if so, what is the responsibility of the Farmer's Market/DMI.

**Organization Committee:** Memberships are coming in. At this time, the Towers and Milford Live have chosen the three-year option.

Volunteer t-shirts are being ordered from Delaware Branding. 350 will be ordered using the same size breakdown as is used for the Pub Crawl.

**Promotions Committee:** Sara Pletcher is stepping down as chairperson of the Pub Crawl. A request was made to Board members to make recommendations for this position.

Complete committee reports are available with the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM in City Council chambers.

A motion was made, seconded and approved by members in attendance to end the meeting at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Sparks  
Secretary