

It has been one year since the group met for the first time.

Judy Clark reported:

Lamoille Economic Division, Dan Young won the Brooks Potter Award and will receive this award on October 16.

Hyde Park Community Circle: Fit and Healthy Council approached HPCC for ideas about how to spend money in Hyde Park for fitness, outdoor rec., farm, gardening and environment. The goal is for 1 or 2 projects to fund. It was decided that the Select Board will be asked about this and proceed from there.

The Lighting Ceremony is always the first Friday in December (December 7, 2012). Location is usually St. Teresa's Parish Hall, but the definite location this year is TBA.

Dan Regan reported:

Johnson State College The college students are encouraged to be involved in the local area; involvement in LCP shows, new hires at HPES and Court Diversion, student athletes at the Lamoille Family Center and Laraway, research in local communities (biology students study local waterways).

Dibden is open to the community and rarely charge a fee.

Lamoille Family Center: LFC owns new property on Bridge Street in Morrisville for a home for a new building for Lamoille Family Center. Saturday, October 20 from 12-1:30 is a visioning event at the site that is open to those who wish to share their ideas for the future of LFC. They also want to hear about evidence of outcomes. How people's lives have changed.

(October 25, 2012 is Pumpkin Art Night at Morristown Elementary School at 5:30 sponsored by the Family Center)

Hyde Park Elementary School Board: "Where shall the next home of the elementary school be?" After the public meetings and discussions, the School Board and Community have decided to reconstruct the elementary school on the current site. The next phase is "what will it look like" and will be looking for community input.

Members of the group gave the School Board "kudos" for the thoughtful process, the multiple meetings, the discussion on Front Porch Forum and the open mindedness.

Jim Heath reported:

Laraway: They have celebrated the first anniversary of the new building and they are preparing for a 21st Century mentoring system with technology to take classes with and learn about causes in other countries. They are also getting solar panels put in.

Charlie Aronovici reported:

Village Trustees: Lamoille County got a federal grant for developing and building trail heads for the Lamoille Rail Trail \$249,842.

Village Improvement Association Meets on Thursday Oct. 11 at HPES library. Sheriff Marcoux will speak to address speeding in the village.

Jeff Beattie won the Good Neighbor Award for volunteerism. He implemented the mentoring program at HPES.

Dan Young reported:

Friends of Lamoille Valley Rail Trail: There is a trail head on Depot Street Extension.

Hyde Park Planning Commission: Meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Hyde Park Town Office Building. They are combining the Town and Village plans so that the needs can be addressed as one entity.

Second Congregational Church: First Saturday of each month is a Community Breakfast. The event is fun and filled with joy.

One of the recent goals of the church is to engage the church into the community.

There is a concert on Friday, October 19th.

They are working on an idea to have a weekly musical “jam” session for anyone to play and be part of.

Mike Ford reported:

Second Congregational Church In planning for the future of the Church, the building is in constant need of repair and more resources are being put into the building.

“Spiritual renovation” is also happening and going on outside the Church walls. The mission and outreach to the community through community work days where members invited the community to join them by helping at Sterling View and other places. Their work was appreciated and interest in more help was requested.

Prevention Campaign: Suicide prevention Gate Keeper Training at Bentley Hall on October 26th.

Jack Anderson reported:

The Cady’s Falls Bridge is OPEN!

Village Board: Don Waterhouse is retiring in June.

The Depot Street Sidewalk will go to Mill St. close to the Trail Head of the Rail Trail.

Depot Street paving was delayed but will be worked on in the spring.

The water system is safe, sewers are okay and fire suppression may be combined with other local buildings.

Morrisville and Hyde Park made another connection and may prevent electricity from going out.

There are 3 new “dog stations” in the village.

Moss Woods behind P.H. Edwards may be given to the Village of Hyde Park.

Joe Ciccolo reported:

Lamoille Union High School: They are always in need of Community Members to come into the school to be team leaders, substitute teachers, etc. to help bridge the gap between generations.

School activities are promoted in the News and Citizen.

Students in the Varsity Club do a Reading Rally at Cambridge Elementary School dressed as book characters.

A few suggestions offered by Joe: a “360” where donated furniture and appliances can be purchased inexpensively to the community.

We should have a youth representative from LUHS to come to the Collaborative Group Meetings.

“Trade Off Day” to share talents from community members in the school and then the students teach something they are knowledgeable in.

“Ground Hog Shadowing”: job sharing experience for children to explore careers.

Joyce Cormier, Hyde Park Elementary School Librarian and Erin Carr, Teacher at HPES reported:

Hyde Park Elementary School Participated in the Vermont Rural Partnership Conference which encourages schools to engage children to be leaders and have a strong student voice. There is an emphasis on “place based learning”, documentation and assessments. They will connect with community partners and bring in people from the community to help guide children’s learning.

Heather Freeman reported:

Hyde Park Partners in Education (PIE) PIE could benefit from some new people joining the organization to prevent burn out and to get new ideas.

It was noted that teachers create wish lists and PIE “magically” make the items appear.

There was discussion about donorschoose.org for wish list items and donations.

PIE does a staff appreciation, and there was mention of a “Pie for Breakfast” fundraiser.

Amy Olsen reported:

Lanpher Memorial Library: Community Meeting Space is licensed for 24 people and now has a projector and screen.

Oct. 16th Book discussion of VT Humanities Council Vermont Reads title “Bull Run”, by Paul Fleischman.

Sunday, Oct. 21st, Free Musical Program “Jackie and Gary: Singing the Good Old Songs Again”. Jackie was a member of Grammy winning group “New Christy Minstrels”.

The Library hosts a monthly Junior Naturalist Program from the Lamoille Co. Nature Center. This year different organizations and businesses are hosting the programs. Next one is Mon. Oct. 22nd, at 3:00 sponsored by Hyde Park Community Circle.

The Storywalk for the title *Me Jane*, by Patrick McDonnell is a "Red Clover" title and is also available in Storywalk format, where pages of the story can be posted on a route so that walkers can read a page and then go to the next page.... Amy put a hold on this title for the HPES February vacation and is going to set it up throughout the Village. Joyce Cormier will introduce students to the title before vacation to familiarize them with it and to get them excited about it. The invitation was put out for other community groups to join in to plan and organize a Storywalk event during the vacation.

Other discussion:

The Hyde Park Historical Society had a successful Old Timers Day in September with 150 in attendance. Next year it will be held on August 25th. They will have a Hyde Park Presentation on Sunday April 21, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Their next meeting is April 10th, 6:00 at Harold and Beth Bailey's house.

RSVP Has a free Bone Builder's Class on Tuesdays and Fridays at Sterling View Community Center from 9:30-11:00.

Facebook: Hyde Park Village, PIE, and the Lanpher Library all have Facebook pages. Ideas can be generated by becoming a "fan" and posting discussions.

Front Porch Forum: Works well when someone posts a question for discussion on the page.

Next meeting of the Hyde Park Community Collaborative Group is Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 6:30 at the Lanpher Memorial Library