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Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2023

Introductions of everyone in attendance

Joey C gave a brief history of Carnwath and an overview of Friends of Carnwath. Friends of Carnwath was founded in 2003 and incorporated in 2016.

Goals for Friends of Carnwath 2023

- Become an official 501c3 non-profit organization.
- Actively engage with the Town of Wappinger Town Board as they determine next steps for infrastructure and capital improvements. This will help inform any future aesthetic and/or repairs the organization may undertake.
- Create a new website – which is in progress currently.
- Grow the organization through community outreach and new, active members.
- Schedule workdays where volunteers do cleanup of the buildings and grounds.

Ideas/Discussion

- Using Earth day as a kickoff for Carnwath
- Discussion about the CBDG Grant: Town obtained the grant, but Town would need to pay remaining amount to finish the project.
- Discussion about the Chapel: Needs exit sign to be operational. Board will look into the walkthrough paperwork from Town Code Enforcement to see what needs to be done to get a permit in place to use the chapel even if it's a seasonal one.

Approved Amendment at the 3/1/23 board meeting:

-Hayden Wayne asked about the architectural drawings for Carnwath and asked Joey Cavaccini if he had them and no response was given.

- Discussion about possible sub committees – Garden, Communications, etc.
- Discussion on having smaller projects so it doesn't require a lot of money
- Bill Ponte spoke about the Dutchess County Sports Museum, the need for volunteers and their new Ralph Holt Learning Center.
- Donna talked about operating as an organization since it hasn't been.
- Al Casella - Town has no plans for Carnwath but has \$10,000 in this year's Town budget.

Website Presentation – Cirrus Digital – Tom Bahr

No design fee – monthly payments. Website cost is heavily discounted.
The board will be getting Tom some content in the next few days for him to start creating the website.

St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 4th

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We would like to have presence in the parade. Please let any board member know if you are interested in participating.

Applications

Applications were available on the table. If members in attendance were interested in a board position, they were asked to put a "B" on the application. Board applications will be available soon.

Adjourn – 11:35am

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd Bowen, Secretary

Next Meeting is Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 10am at Wappinger Town Hall in the Senior Center.