**Warner Fall Foliage Festival Board Meeting December 11, 2024**

**Present:**

Ginger Marsh, Ray Martin, Lauren Horner, Beth Lukaitis, Jessica Wynand, Kristine Blanchette, Susan Levesque

**Funding recommendations:**

There is $18.000 that can be allocated to the grant submissions. Awards are based on the following criteria: the organization must be a non-profit/community group, the funds must benefit the town of Warner and/or the larger community (Kearsarge Regional High School has been a recipient in the past), and the organization must have supported the festival “outside of a contractual agreement” (e.g., having a table and selling mittens is a contractual agreement, volunteering is one example of festival support.

 The Funding Sub-committee met last week and made the following recommendations for awards:

1. NH Habitat for Humanity (for improvements to a Warner residence): $500
2. Town of Warner Town Hall (for refurbishing floors): $3000
3. Sunapee/Concord Rail Trail (for ongoing expansion): $1500
4. Town of Warner Town Hall (for the Christmas tree): $380
5. Town of Warner Town Hall (for a new vacuum): $699
6. United Church of Warner (for chairs): $2399.60
7. Simons School (for plusoptix vision screener): $4995

A motion was made to accept these recommendations. The motion passed.

**New accounts:**

A motion was made to open an account for $18000, minus $1400, to hold in escrow until the funding awards are dispersed. The funds will be moved from the operating account to a new account titled “Funding requests”. The motion passed.

**Annual Meeting agenda:**

Jessica and Sue will thank volunteers, Kristine will go over some financial information, Ray and Ginger will discuss the award process and the recommendations. The membership will either support the recommendations, or make new ones.

**Annual meeting is Wednesday, December 18th 7 PM Town Hall.**