

GRHBA Minutes February 23, 2021

**** Our 2021 Maps have been delivered to the Town Office. Please call them at 410-639-7611 to arrange to pick up copies for your business. ****

Dan Hutchins and Sue Nickerson of Kent County Public Schools discussed the internship program. In Fall 2019 Kent County Public Schools receive a MSDE grant for 24 students to work up to 96 hours after school in a paid working experience. KCPS wants employers to know about the program. Goals are to get kids job ready, to learn about employers in our County and to decide what they want to do after high school. A new grant is being applied for, for students to work up to 180 hours. KCPS is looking to increase partnerships with businesses to cultivate a workforce of students to stay in Kent County. Suzanne previously sent a one sheet summary with contact info for this program.. KCPS is also looking for summer job opportunities for students. Anyone interested should contact Dan or Sue.

Jana Carter reported that Tourism is working with (PA) County Lines Magazine for their April 2021 wedding edition. Interested businesses should contact Jana for more info. Various radio station ads are scheduled for 2021 in Middletown DE, Baltimore and Easton. Jana also mentioned American Pickers are coming to MD and soliciting locations for their shows. Contact Jana for details.

Jamie Williams is digesting the the 2021 Covid Relief grant opportunities. She mentioned that unemployment payments for 2020 may not be taxable. Check with Jamie if you have questions on grant opportunities.

Dawn Jacobs stated that the Rock Hall Heritage Task Force of 2019 has restarted and is now a board. Their first meeting is 2/24. Dawn referenced the Maryland Heritage Area Report and stated future activities and events will be focused on our Heritage Area. The town will not be putting a trolley on the road this year. Rick Carter is considering a private venture. Parks and Rec is working on a 4th of July Parade, which hopefully will occur this year.

Laurie Walters reported for Main Street Rock Hall that Facade Grant applications are available for Main Street Corridor businesses. Applications are available on the MSRH website. "MSRH is hosting a "Dogs of Rock Hall" photo display in MSRH business windows March-April 2021.. Drop off 8x10" or larger photos of your dog at the Hickory Stick. Work has begun for Pirates and Wenches 2021.

Suzanne mentioned we want to spruce up the Visitors Center. Anyone interested in helping should contact Suzanne.

Cindy Genter
GRHBA Secretary