

One attempt at Minutes of the May 16, 2023 Meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement Group (from Charles Hartley)

In attendance, Charles, Bob, Maria, Marty and guest Kathy Varadi of the Welcome Home task force:

Kathy informed us that the Welcome Home group was a new task force tasked with contacting people who have recently moved to Oneonta, people who were thinking of moving to Oneonta, and people who might be encouraged to move to Oneonta. She indicated that one of target audiences for the efforts of this group would be “people about to graduate” from Hartwick and SUNY, and people who had recently moved to Oneonta.

Kathy reported that the group recently had an event or reception with many representatives from mostly service groups in Oneonta. When asked how many recent graduates or recent movers to Oneonta attended the event, she indicated she had “no idea”. When asked if she could give a rough estimate, she again indicated she had “no idea”. She then indicated there were some people (in addition to the representatives) at the event who were “already residents”, leading us to believe there were very few new or prospective residence in attendance.

When asked how the task force got lists of names of new residence, she indicated there were firms that would supply that information from sources *she* believed would constitute an invasion of privacy, and so they would not use those sources. She said she did not know how they would identify people in the target groups.

The Neighborhood Improvement Group had been interested in perhaps having this new Welcome Home group gently include information concerning the city’s expectation of what residents should be doing to make Oneonta a better place, such as shovel the sidewalks, don’t park on the lawn or sidewalk, try maintain the appearance of your property *etc.* We expressed our interest and Kathy seem to agree that would be feasible.

The Neighborhood Improvement Group then had a brief discussion as to how we might proceed with our proposal concerning the formation of Neighborhood Associations in Oneonta. We decided we should start working on a short proposal outlining what might be done and how it might be done.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting was June 6, 2023, but members present expressed a desire to attend the Common Council Meeting on that date. **We then moved our next meeting from the first Tuesday in June (June 6) to the third Tuesday in May (May 30).**