

## **FVNCA Meeting Minutes 05/09/02**

1. **Meeting called to order at Betsy Ross House, at 6:30 p.m.**
2. **Secretary's Report.** The minutes of the April meeting were approved as circulated.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Carol Darling Campbell read the report: As of 4/30/02, the checking account balance is \$556.47 and the savings account balance is \$996.48. Of this amount, \$500 remains allocated for the Old Joe's Pond project if necessary.
4. **Unfinished Business.**
  - A. **The Ferry Village Master Plan.** Jan Grieco announced that the FVMP represents three years of work by her committee and that it is now ready to be presented to the Planning Board. Once approved by Planning Board, the committee will present the FVMP to the City Council. City Council approval is necessary before FVMP can be included in the SP Comprehensive Plan and implementation can begin.
  - B. **RiverPlace.** Howard Goldenfarb will make a final presentation and status report to FVNCA and all interested others at the Betsy Ross House on May 23 at 5:30.
  - C. **Spring Point Festival.** Because of limited number of volunteers and resources, Aileen suggested that we consider raising money for FVNCA through the sale of sodas and water at the Spring Point Festival. This will be discussed and voted on at the June meeting.
5. **Guest Speaker. Harvey Rosenfeld, President, Scarborough Economic Development Corp.** Jan Grieco introduced Harvey Rosenfeld who gave an informative and interesting presentation about how economic development issues are managed in Scarborough.

Twenty-five years ago, Scarborough was rural and "down and out." Today it is the state's fastest-growing municipality, adding 300 new single-family homes, average cost \$350K, a year. "It used to be if you couldn't afford Yarmouth, Falmouth or Cape Elizabeth, you could find a place in Scarborough. Now, if you can afford Scarborough, you can afford anywhere in Maine."

The Scarborough Economic Development Corp., a private nonprofit corporation, was established in 1985 to look at development on Route One. There were 400 businesses on Route One in 1988. Today there are more than 900.

Mr. Rosenfeld stressed the importance of vision, careful planning and zoning, and cost/benefit analysis of all proposed development projects.

6. **New Business.** There was no new business brought before the meeting.
7. **Adjournment.** After Harvey Rosenfeld's presentation and the informal Q and A that followed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.