

IABA MEETING MINUTES May 5, 2026

The meeting was held at the Inlet Public Library. In attendance were: Jerry Jacot, Joanne Kelly, Sue Beck, Lynn Durkin, Toni and Greg Rudd, Adele Burnett, Janet and Ray Cardella, Bonnie Lutz, Sharon Miller, Karen Gorea, Connie Perry, Miriam Doud, Jill Marsh, Karen Kessler, Jimmy Kalil, Tony Kalil, Jeanne Wilson, Dave Scranton, Stephen Cole

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Lynn Durkin. Welcome new attendees Jimmy Kalil and Miriam Doud.

Regular Reports:

****Chair**:** Jill (via Zoom) reminds everyone to provide IABA with current info including web address, opening dates and hours, making sure your business is listed with ROOST.

****Treasurer**:** Jane was unable to attend but did email current account info to the board.

****Secretary**:** Holly reports that last month's meeting minutes were sent to all and she was not notified that any corrections were needed. She requested an IABA contribution to the Inlet Historical Society in the amount of \$300 to assist with food expenses at the annual car show. Dave noted that this is actually in the annual IABA budget. With a motion by Janet, seconded by Connie, it was voted to make that contribution.

****Membership**:** Janet reports that we have 108 paid members for 2026, a few new ones included. Our goal is 120 members for 2026, so we are well on the way. She will continue to reach out to members who have yet to pay this year's dues.

****Information Office**:** Adele reports that there will be an informational meeting on 5/27 at 6pm at the Inlet Town Hall to discuss a proposed planned development on the Wood's Inn property. Approval will require a change in the town's current planning rules. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The Planning Board will meet immediately following the public hearing. A map of the proposed building plan can be viewed at the Town Hall during open hours. Adele also reminds that VIEW will be sponsoring "Neighbor Day" on 6/6 from 12-3. Jill reports that she plans to attend, but she is not sure if IABA should sponsor a table. When put to the question, no one seemed interested. Adele notes that Red Dog Tavern is opening soon under new ownership and encourages a look at their website for the new menu. Opening date TBA.

****Prior Business/Action Review****

Minutes for the April meeting were approved.

Jill reminds all businesses to get listed with ROOST

Jill and Adele have continued to work on/promote Inlet's public Facebook page. A project to develop a private FB page for members only will be removed from the action plan for the time being.

****General Topics**:**

Inlet celebrates USA 250th - Key Dates

April 30: E-kits to all IABA storefronts and cabin members as well as all Inlet tax-paying storefronts and cabins. This was completed by Jill. USA Celebration Logos available online at <https://www.intletny.com/inlet-celebrates-usa-250>

End of May: hard copy KITS will be hand delivered to all above per Jill

End of June: There will be a contest for best decorated business! Residents and visitors will be encouraged to vote. Votes will be counted in early August.

August 15: Birthday Bash - Tickets will be sold to a cocktail party, location TBA

Throughout the summer: Uncle Sam (aka Karl Marsh) will make appearances by request and around town in general

TBD (still in the planning stages): Boat parade, Kids parade, colonial play, history walk, youth craft event (Lynn, Janet, Joanne working on that)

*The birthday celebration will be integrated into all activities already taking place -July 4th Carnival, Summer Arts Fests, BFC, etc.

The next 250th Bday celebration committee meeting will be Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 at Screamen Eagle or by Zoom (ask Jill or Adele for Zoom link)

VIEW will be hosting a CBIT (Center for Businesses in Transition) event on May 11 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Please RSVP by calling Living ADK at 315-369-3353 or emailing sunderhill@livingadk.org. Walk-ins are also welcome.

CAA Update: Trae Skinner was unable to attend. Adele reports that the Mamas on Wheels event will be May 9 at the Pavilion in Old Forge.

BFC Update: Adele reports no changes since our previous meeting

****Inlet Business Topics****

Business Highlight: ADK e-bikes: Jerry Jacot reports that e-bikes will be available for rental at Nelson's Cottages in Inlet and at Raven Acres. He answered questions regarding cost, equipment, safety measures, rules

Outside Organization Spotlight: Svetlana Filipson, director at Adirondack Innovation Initiative (A2i) and Adirondack Community Foundation gave a short presentation by Zoom explaining the programs which focus on remote workers and business owners with the goal to lure workers to the ADK for full time living and working. She and Jill are planning a July meeting. For more info, contact A2ihub.org

Inlet Public Library: Strategic Planning Session: Led by Jeanne Wilson, interview questions were offered regarding the problems and needs of the community overall as well as the goal and value of the Library's contribution to the community. There was a lot of discussion and Jeanne indicated that the input was helpful and valued.

The next IABA meeting will be on Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30 pm at Archie's Alley.

With a motion by Greg, seconded by Janet, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Koeppe