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**TOWN CENTER COMMITTEE  
MINUTES MAY 15, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05.

**Present:** Nelson Disco, Peter and Jackie Flood, Karen Freed, Mary Hendricks, Davis Powell, Finlay Rothhaus, Bill Wilkes. None absent.

**Guest:** Lelia Mellen.

**Minutes:** Minutes of April 10 were approved without change.

**Old Business:** Safe Routes to School: Davis Powell reported on SRTS. No applications are due now. He and Matt Shavanelle will meet to discuss and plan what will be needed. The project has not been addressed by the School Board. There is no subcommittee right now for sidewalks, nor one assigned for next year. Peter thinks that all the work that we had done for the SRTS and the application for a SRTS grant helped a great deal to get the TAP (Transportation Alternative Grant) grant this year.

Nelson said that he thinks that the school granting us an easement for the trail was also significant. He thinks that it is timely to make application for the 2016 TAP grant.

Lelia Mellen asked if we are ready for a list of what we want funded? SRTS missed a window for the application for 2015. There was a committee discussion about the sidewalk projects: the result was an opinion that the work towards it is very far along.

TAP Award: Nelson reported on the status of the TAP award. The Town Council accepted the grant on behalf of the town, and authorized accepting the funds and expending them, spending \$109,000 out of the capital reserve account for our share of the grant.

Merrill's Marauders Sign/plaque and other sign plans: Lelia reported that last month we were satisfied with the latest version of

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the sign. The sign maker can make it look more professional. Lelia will get in touch with him and get an update in price with and without certain add-ons. Peter wants a price for the bracket to attach the sign to the bridge. Nelson speculated about how and where the bronze plaque will be installed.

Fields Pond Foundation : Lelia reported that Fields Pond isn't funding signs, just in conjunction with a trail that it is funding.

Status of Poster Map : Peter showed the new map that Nashua Regional Planning Commission did for us for the Souhegan River Trail using pictures taken by a drone. Peter demonstrated what changes he would make: an explanation of the map to be superimposed, Wildcat Falls labeled, change the old wetlands to green, change the Patterson land we acquired to green . Ken Fothergill piloted the drone and took the pictures free of charge.

**New Business:** Art in the Park: Jackie reported that a core group of artists from the Manchester Artists Ass'n. are interested in a presence at the Business Expo in September through our committee. Bill reminded us that an event like that requires a lot of marketing. Mary and Karen agreed that it is an appropriate activity for our committee, since the Abby Griffin Park is part of the town center and that we are charged with encouraging people to use the town center. Lelia suggested using social media; Peter suggested a large poster displayed at the park. We agreed to go ahead with the event.

Karen will be at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July midway manning the library booth and can tend to the Town Center Committee display too.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

**Next Meeting:** July 1 at 12 noon.

**Adjourn:** 1:02, Mary Hendricks moved to adjourn, Bill Wilkes 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.