

Approved: September 18, 2015

**TOWN CENTER COMMITTEE
MINUTES AUGUST 21, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 12:10.

Present: Nelson Disco, Peter Flood, Bill Wilkes, Mary Hendricks, Jackie Flood and Finlay Rothhaus. **Guest:** Lelia Mellen. **Excused:** Karen Freed, Davis Powell.

Minutes: The July 1 minutes of were unanimously approved.

Old Business: Status of SRTS: Davis Powell was excused, absent.

Status of TAP Award: Nelson reported that the proposals are technically good. The next step is the Town requesting a bid from the company with the best technical proposal. If the bid is too much money, the next best proposal will be bid, and so on.

The Merrill's Marauders Sign/plaque and other sign plans: Lelia reported that she met with Joe Herlihy, the sign maker, to review the design. She might have more money from the Parks Service to give to the sign project. Joe wants to visit the site to see where the sign will be. Lelia sent the design and text. The material will resist scratching and weathering and can easily be repaired from paint marks. It should be removable. Nelson suggested that the committee take charge on the installation of the sign. Lelia gave \$1000 to Joe from the Park Service. Joe said he would make that amount work.

July 4th Presence and the Farmers' Market: Jackie reported that the outreach effort is ongoing. The July 4th Family Day could not be staffed, but the Farmers' Market table was a big success. Many people stopped to examine the maps, talk about the trails and what they like and what they would look forward to. A major opinion was the desire for sidewalks. We handed out leaflets with pictures and addresses of historic buildings in the Thornton's Ferry section of town. We plan to set up at the Market at least once more this year.

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Business Expo: This event is September 19, and we will set up there.

Art in the Park: This event is September 26, and we are the sponsors of the show. We'll set up our information table at the Abbie Griffin Park, perhaps in the Bandstand. Mary will help with speakers.

New Business: Other Projects for Consideration - 2015

2017 TAP Projects and Public Outreach ongoing.

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Church Street Sidewalk Easement: The Town has asked for an easement for a future sidewalk near the end of Church St.

Peter would request a hearing with the Department of Transportation if the roundabout at Wire Rd. is not allowed. Nelson said that the restriction has to do with emergency vehicles taking wide turns. Lelia, Bill and Finlay have all seen roundabouts in Keene and Hanover, New Hampshire having straight routes through the middle of the roundabouts for emergency trucks.

Lelia Mellen: Lelia's tenure as the Park Service representative to our Committee will be over at the end of September. She has been a big help to us with her expertise, access to information, diligence, aid, intercessions with the Park Service, and other good traits too numerous to mention. Nelson wants to write her a commendation.

New Maps: We admired the new maps from NRPC and recommended minor changes: brighter colors for the buildings, clearer definition for the bog crossing, and small handouts to match.

Bronze Plaque: Discussion whether it should be by the fire station, by the sluiceway, or by the Chamberlain Bridge.

The next meeting will be September 18 at 12 in the Thornton Room.
We adjourned at 1:18; Jackie made the motion, Mary 2nd, all in favor.