

**TOWN CENTER COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the August 21 meeting were approved without change.

Old Business: Status of SRTS: no report.

Status of TAP award: Nelson reviewed the progress of the TAP award. A consultant has been chosen, Quantum Consultants, has been hired and is doing a scope of work and negotiation of price. There was a September 9 meeting to review the scope of work with DOT and our DPW. Kyle may need a waiver from some regulations, such as 10' wide trails. During a September 15 conversation, Kyle indicated that there is a good chance for a waiver. The construction begins in 2017. The consultant now knows about the bronze sign given to the town as part of a historic remediation from Pennichuck after the dam was removed.

Merrill's Marauders Sign: Joe Herlihy will accept \$1000 donated by the National Park Service to pay for the graphic sign to be installed on the footbridge near the Merrill's Marauders Highway Bridge. He still wants to see the handrails that the sign will be attached to. Kyle thinks we shouldn't weld it since it might be weakened.

The "table top" sign given to Watson Park during the dam removal by Pennichuck needs renovation. Joe Herlihy will do it for \$500; Peter will ask Pennichuck to fund it.

Presence at the Farmers' Market: Peter, Nelson, and Jackie set up a table at the Farmers' Market and were busy during the whole 3 hours talking about the new map made for us by the Nashua Regional

Planning Commission and the trails and bridges it describes. Mary provided brochures from the Historical Society. The members thought that it was very worthwhile, so will repeat it on October 7.

The members will attend the Business Expo on September 19 with their exhibit.

Lelia did a mock-up of a prospective brochure for us to use at events and provided us with an electronic version of it so we can easily revise it when needed. It has a map of the Souhegan River Trail on the back and explanations of the trail system on the front.

New Business: Lelia's Report: John Corrigan has announced that the state DOT has another series of grants of 5 different sizes and categories, smaller than the last ones. Lelia will forward the announcement to us.

The Committee will continue to have a presence at town events since it seems well received and worthwhile.

Church Street Sidewalk Easement: Nelson reported that the Planning Board negotiated an easement for a future sidewalk from the owner of the corner property, formerly the Pizza Man, on the Church Street embankment. There will be a sidewalk to the ground level from the north side of the building, the main access from the west, but no access from the front or the south side.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be in October, date to be posted.

Adjournment: We adjourned at 12:57; all were in favor.