

MERRIMACK TOWN CENTER COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 12:05.

Present: Nelson Disco, Peter Flood, Karen Freed, Mary Hendricks, Jackie Flood and Matt Shevenell. **Excused:** Bill Wilkes, Bill Cummings.

Minutes were approved unanimously with correction of Matt Shevenell's name.

Old Business: Status of Tap award: Kyle assured us it was being worked on and progressing; the surveyors were out working on the Chamberlain bridge. In October, there will be another hearing on the project. Another TAP award application was favorably received. The award grantors want Kyle to come to speak on it. The award will cover the following priorities on our list: #2, 3, and 6 would be covered which would be pieces of sidewalk past the library, across the old bridge spanning Baboosic Brook and, additionally, down Woodbury Street. Kyle will brief the Town Council next Thursday, Aug. 18, to get their approval for the application. Matt will share this information with the School Board on August 15; Matt is now an official member of our committee from the School District.

Safe Routes to School Status. The Safe Routes to School award program didn't cover Woodbury St., so the School Board will be happy to hear about the additional TAP award provisions. Nelson's presentation to the School Board was very well done and well received. He explained that a sidewalk on O'Gara Drive would cost about \$86,000. \$400,000 is the floor for financing under the program, but paving O'Gara Dr. would add enough money to qualify for the SRTS award.

The committee took part in the Merrimack Farmers' Market as part of our Outreach. A group of members attended both on July 20 and Aug. 3. Our explanations of our maps of trails and sidewalks was very interesting to people, but we were seeing some overlap of people. Perhaps we have followed that venue to its conclusion and could pursue other places to speak now. We can attend the Expo again this year. Art in the Park will be at Watson Park on Sept. 17, establishing a new use of a park and bringing people into the Town Center.

 The next meeting of the Town Center Committee will be Sept. 23, 12 p.m.

 Mary moved that we adjourn and Karen seconded, all were in favor. 12:45.