

Merrimack Town Center Committee
Minutes January 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 12:08.

Present: Nelson Disco, Matt Shevenell, Bill Cummings, Jackie Flood

Absent: Peter Flood, Karen Freed, Mary Hendricks, Finlay Rothhaus, Bill Wilkes

Minutes: The minutes of December 1, 2017 were changed: “our sidewalks” changed to “Route 3 sidewalks.” Bill Cummings moved, Nelson seconded, 3 – 0 -1 with Matt abstaining.

Old Business:

Status of Souhegan River Trail: Nelson reported on the 2015 TAP grant. He had spoken to Dawn Tuomala at the Dept. of Public Works. She said that the historical resources inventory is proceeding, that the project might include items of historical value, perhaps including the older concrete around the sluiceway.

Status of the 2016 TAP grant: Nelson reported that the town is in the process of soliciting bids from engineering firms for the Woodbury St. sidewalk; seven applied. After that, we can start the Historic Resources inventory.

Filming of the Abbie Griffin Park walkway: The building of the stairway has been running on our community tv station regularly; it is about 5 minutes long. Bill Cummings filmed it.

New Business:

Participation in the Winter Carnival: Our Committee will have a table at the event with maps and handouts. Nelson will get us more leaflets.

Voting Day Visibility: We will look into having a table with our map displayed at one or more of the voting places on April 10. We could survey people about which sidewalks are the most important.

Approved: February 23, 2018

Town CIP sidewalk discussion: NRPC is working for the Town of Merrimack on a master plan for sidewalks. We are ranking by priority the patches of sidewalk, tying together the Town Center sidewalks.

Social Media: The committee will look into being on social media. Nelson will speak to Chuck Miller about this.

Capital Improvement Plan: Our sidewalks are now in the CI, 2018 – 2024 through a grant applied for through FHWA/NH DOT if they are granted. Baboosic Brook bridge on DW Highway is now in the CIP for 2023 +/- , wrapped into the Wire Rd. intersection for 2027. Nelson would be in favor of splitting the Woodbury 2019 piece, building it from the library north to Wire Rd., then hold it for good timing.

Additional TV: Bill Cummings will do it. He spoke of having a place on the net where people could go for information.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2018

Adjourn: 12:48, Bill Cummings moved, Jackie seconded, all were in favor.