

Merrimack Town Center Committee
Minutes of the April 21, 2017 Meeting

The Meeting was called to order at 12:06.

Present: Nelson Disco, Matt Shevenell, Finlay Rothhaus, Peter Flood, Bill Cummings, Mary Hendricks, Karen Freed, Jackie Flood.

Minutes of March 24 were unanimously approved with changes.

Old Business:

Status of the Souhegan River Trail: the evaluation of the Historic and Cultural Resources has not been completed. In addition, ADA regulations are being questioned in regard to the trail.

Status of the TAP grant of 2016: The grant needs approval of the Governor's Council to accept Federal money and pay the State's share.

Status of the Courthouse – Route 3 sidewalk: Peter and Bill Wilkes will appear before the Council on Thursday. They will be asking permission to build the steps, present the cost and value figures for Council approval, show a picture of how and where the steps will be placed, and explain the funding of the project. The Rotary Club has voted to give to the town the entire stairway as a gift of up to \$3500. We appreciate the contribution of the Rotary Club, and the material and labor donation of the companies working on the steps.

Result of the Town Center TV program presentation: Bill Cummings, Peter Flood, Nelson Disco were filmed on March 24 and it has been shown 10 – 12 times a week on Channel 20 on Comcast. Bill suggested that we all watch it before the next meeting; the members could use the feedback.

Status of the O'Gara Drive sidewalk: Matt Shevenell reported that the sidewalk down O'Gara Drive was deferred to the 2018-2019 budget, which might

be good timing since the school will be taking ownership of the tennis courts which must be left in clean and useful condition. Finlay, Jackie, and Matt explained that the requirements of the LWC grant for recreational use expires after 20 years, so there are no plans to move the tennis court or continue recreation on that site. The Council has had informal discussions about moving the ice rink to Watson ark. Peter suggested a nice entrance at the beginning of O’Gara Dr. as part of the construction.

Other New Business:

Mary continues to work on the new brochures for the Town Center Committee.

Adjourn: Bill Cummings moved to adjourn, Mary seconded, at 12:45. The next meeting will be May 19.