

MERRIMACK TOWN CENTER COMMITTEE
MINUTES MAY 19, 2017

Call to order: 12:05 p.m.

Present: Nelson Disco, Peter Flood, Bill Wilkes, Karen Freed, Jackie Flood

Excused: Bill Cummings, Finlay Rothhaus, Mary Hendricks, Matt Shevenell

Minutes: Minutes of the April 21, 2017, meeting were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Status of the Souhegan River Trail TAP Grant: The survey for cultural and historical requirements is being done for the trail to Merrill's Marauders Bridge.

Status of the 2016 TAP Grant Application: Nelson reported that the grant for a sidewalk down Woodbury Street and one north of the library has been approved by the Governor's Council and has gone back to the DOT for final signature. The grant then goes to NHDOT, where an engineering firm will be chosen to oversee bidding on the contract and examining qualifications of the bidders for the work to be done.

Status of the Courthouse – Route 3 steps into the Abbie Griffin Park: the project has been approved by the Council. The gift of the value of the stairs will now be approved by the Council at the next meeting. The gift will be accepted as part of the consent agenda.

Rob Lavoie from All Outdoors and Sean O'Keefe from O'Keefe Landscaping are working together on the steps. They want to wait until August to start; Bill W. thinks the timing will be excellent for seeding at that time.

Map for the Trail System: Mary sent the changes to NRPC, who will have it ready for us soon.

Feedback on the TV program: Karen and Bill W. reviewed it. There was a suggestion that the stairs construction be partially filmed. The current show doesn't mention our brochure and what trails are already in place, for example. We could probably get some coverage by the Telegraph. A camera recording the site of projects when they are being built would be more interesting than showing a map on TV.

New Business:

Town Hall Sidewalk Rebuild Update: The sidewalk beside the west facing gable end of the "old town hall" has been put aside for now due to expense.

Fourth of July Participation: Bill W. suggested a table display at the Pancake Breakfast. Bill suggested enlarging the new brochure to display; he could go to Staples to have it blown up and mounted if needed. Karen said that we could have the Souhegan River Trail brochures there. We will need a card table. Bill offered to have a table at the Farmers' Market in August.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: Bill Wilkes moved to adjourn at 12:50, all agreed. Next meeting will be June 23d.