

**Merrimack Town Center Committee**  
**Minutes June 23, 2017**

**Call to order:** 12:04

**Present:** Nelson Disco, Peter Flood, Bill Wilkes, Bill Cummings, Matt Shevenell, Karen Freed, Jackie Flood. **Absent with notice:** Mary Hendricks

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes of May 19 were unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

Map handout brochure status: Ryan Friedman of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) attended the meeting and discussed the new map done by the NRPC. Nelson asked Mr. Friedman if we could extend the sidewalk to the existing one up at Dunkin Donuts/Front Street. We asked him to also lower the map to include more of our charter area and less of the area north of it. Ryan said it will be ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Karen pointed out that our charter extends to Front Street, yet the sidewalk is not scheduled for Wire Rd. to Front St. We should add it in the color blue. All agreed. Ryan will add it to the map. Also, the planned steps going up to the Abbie Griffin Park will remain. Karen suggested a color adjustment on the future trail shown in pink and orange to be one color. Bill W. suggested the path through Watson Park could be considered an existing path. Nelson suggested leaving the existing Riverwalk near the fire station as “planned”. Peter suggested removing the round “pedestrian accommodation areas” since our entire map is geared to that. We agreed that that would make the map simpler and easier to follow. Other small changes were suggested and Ryan told us it would be done quickly. We would like a 25 x 33 size, plus 8 ½ x 11’s for brochures.

Status of the Souhegan River Trail: Graffiti Damage: We discussed the graffiti damage on the Merrill’s Marauders Bridge sign on a footbridge over the Souhegan River. Jackie reported that there will be more police bicycle patrols. A local artist has volunteered to clean it.

Status of the 2016 TAP Grant Application: The Historic Resources Evaluation is completed; nothing serious was found in the grant area. The Director suggested a plaque be installed for a reminder of the removal of the dam.

The Status of the Courthouse/Route 3 sidewalk: Peter and Bill W. reported that the project is now approved by the Town Council, and the donation of \$3500 from the Rotary Club is accepted. Shawn O'Keefe and Rob Lavoie, each with a landscape company, have agreed to help on the project with their employees as well. They will start in August. Nelson thanked the Rotary Club on behalf of the Committee.

### **New Business:**

Fourth of July Participation: The handout will be ready for the 3<sup>rd</sup> to set up a cafeteria table at the Pancake Breakfast. Since it starts at 8 a.m., we will set up at 7:30. The maps can be printed beforehand at the Town Hall. Nelson, Bill C. and Peter will participate; Nelson will pick up the map.

Additional TV Presentations: Bill W. suggested a video showing progress of the stairs. Bill C. Can do the video on his phone camera. We will need "hosts" at each shooting. The first one could be at the Pancake Breakfast, then the installation of stairs, the sluiceway, the historic bridge, the plaque, then perhaps the Twin Bridge Park.

Bill W. will do a Farmers' Market in late August, maybe the 16<sup>th</sup>. We will not do the market in July.

### **Next meeting:**

September 22, 2017 in the Matthew Thornton Room.

**Adjourn:** 1:06; Bill C. moved, Karen seconded, all approved.