

**Merrimack Town Center Committee**  
**Minutes of October 27, 2017**

**The meeting was called to order at 12:04.**

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

**Minutes** of September 22, 2017, were read and approved as corrected.

**Old Business:**

Status of Souhegan River Trail: Nelson reported that an archeologist has been selected to study the artifacts and determine their importance. He will start in a couple of weeks. He is worried about the sluiceway, gate and appurtenances. Matt said that he hired the archeologist for the building of the Middle School. He looked for artifacts, found none, and probably followed a similar process.

Status of 2016 TAP Grant: Nelson reported that the town is looking for an engineering firm to do work on both sidewalks: Greeley Street and the Library north to Wire Road.

Status of Route 3 – Courthouse sidewalk: Peter reported that many people from the Merrimack Rotary Club worked on the walkway last weekend, and finished it. A storm took some material away, mainly seeding washed away and furrowing the loam. Sean O’Keefe Landscaping, and Rob Lavoie of All Outdoors provided work and landscaping, Ward Gleason contributed stones and work. Sean and his workers repaired the damage from the storm. Bill Cummings took some videos to show on our public network. This will provide good information and publicity for both the Rotary Club and the Town Center Committee.

Annual Presentation to the Town Council: Nelson will present the Committee’s progress to the Town Council on October 12.

## **New Business:**

Town Halloween Party participation: Jackie and Peter will set up tables and bring wraps. Nelson will pick up and deliver some brochures as handouts to those people interested in the trails.

Intersection research: Nelson told us about research going on now in regard to Continental Blvd., Greeley St., and Amherst Road. Peter spoke about the merits of roundabouts for Wire Rd. and other intersections.

Celebration: For the completion of Abbie Griffin Park walkway, we could have a celebration this Spring and specially invite all the people who were involved in making this great project happen.

Other Projects: Horse trough moved to Abbie Griffin Park: the owner of the house beside it claims it as his. Research would need to be done to establish ownership of the land it is on through the years, through easements, rights of way, highway construction, etc.

Frazier Square: Brian Snell, despite great efforts, could not raise the money for a memorial to the services to be put at Frazier Sq.

Additional TV presentations: Bill Cummings has filmed the construction of the new granite stairs at Abby Griffin Park.

Peter spoke about a nice entrance to the schools at O’Gara Drive.

Jackie reported on the ice skating rink, perhaps to be moved to Watson Park for the winters, covered by volleyball courts to share the space.

The Basketball and skate board parks will be moved also, to be determined where they will be.

We adjourned. Next meeting on Dec. 1.