

**Town Center Committee
Minutes February 23, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 12:09 PM.

Present: Nelson Disco, Bill Cummings, Mary Hendricks, Karen Freed. Bill Wilkes, Matt Shevenell

Absent: Peter and Jackie Flood, Finley Rothhaus

Minutes: The minutes of January 26 were changed from “Nelson reported on the 2017 TAP Grant” to “Nelson reported on the 2015 TAP Grant”. Bill Cummings moved to accept the January 26 minutes as corrected. Matt Shevenell seconded, 3 approved, 0 against, 3 abstentions.

Old Business:

Status of Souhegan River Trail: The historical study by the state is ongoing.

Status of 2016 TAP Grant: The engineering contractor has been selected to create the design and the final price is being negotiated for the Woodbury Street sidewalks. Construction is expected to be in 2019 since all bidders submitted a schedule as part of their bids.

Filming of Abbie Griffin work for TV: This project is ongoing. The final seeding, clean up, and fertilizing of the new steps will take place in the spring. Bill Cummings will continue reporting on the progress of the filming.

New Business:

Participation in Winter Carnival, Feb. 24 12-3: The TCC will set up a table with our big poster map and brochures. Nelson, Peter Flood, Jackie Flood, Bill Wilkes, and other committee members will man the table.

Celebration of Abbie Griffin Park Walkway: Bill Wilkes suggests that we wait until the weather improves to make plans. This would probably be scheduled after the clean up, maybe in May?

Additions for the TCC on the Town Website: The Town Center Committee pages on the Merrimack Town website could be a means of distributing

information about the TCC. Becky Thompson can add agendas, committee member names, the committee charge, brochures and maps. She could also add photos of TCC supported events such as the winter carnival, 4th of July, construction of the new walkway and the celebration being planned. Different categories such as “upcoming projects” or “news and announcements” could be added and easily updated or deleted when no longer needed. Mary will work with Becky to populate this TCC portion of the website.

Other projects to consider for 2018:

The Merrimack Planning Board and the Nashua Regional Planning Commission are considering sidewalk projects that are now included in the town’s Capital Improvement Plan. The Town and Planning Board will have information on voting day with a map and questionnaire to survey the Town Voters regarding sidewalks. New hotels, restaurants, and the town center will need sidewalks for safe pedestrian access.

Bill Cummings asked if openings on the Town Center Committee are being advertised. There are one or two openings at present. This would be something to add to the TCC page on the Town website.

The O’Gara Drive sidewalks are due in 2020-2021 when the road is scheduled to be repaved.

Public Comment – none

Next Meeting – March 23, 2018 at 12:00 in the Matthew Thornton Room

Bill Cummings moved to adjourn and Mary seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 12:58 PM.