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Merrimack Town Center Committee
Minutes Meeting of Friday, October 26, 2018
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The meeting was called to order at 12:06

Present: Nelson Disco, Peter Flood, Bill Wilkes, Bill Cummings, Karen Freed, Jackie Flood. Absent with notice: Finlay Rothhaus, Matt Shevenell.

Minutes of Sept. 7, 2018 were approved, 4 approved, 2 abstained.

Old Business Discussions:

Town Center Committee vacancy: Our Chamber of Commerce representative, Mary Hendricks, has submitted her resignation from the committee. Since he is a member of the Chamber, Bill Cummings will ask if he can be their representative on the Town Center Committee.

NRPC Route 3 Bike Pedestrian study and status: The report groups sidewalks by priority and speaks of sidewalks from Nashua to Bedford; the highest priority is Merrimack's Town Center. We will see the report as soon as it's finished.

FEET Widening Plan: The state plans to widen the FEET were presented to the Town on October 10. ~~Is that dealt with?~~ The widening requires replacement of the Baboosic Lake Rd. bridge and the Wire Rd. bridge over the FEET. The October 10 hearing plans showed sidewalks on on both sides of the Baboosic Lake Rd. Bridge, but none on the Wire Road Bridge. Nelson spoke of the necessity for sidewalks on both sides of Wire Rd. and wrote a letter in favor to the state.

Annual Report to the Town Council On Oct. 11, Nelson presented the Annual Report of the Town Center Committee to the Town Council. The Council was favorable towards sidewalks.

TAP Grants: The State is redoing the budget for the 2016 TAP grant for the Souhegan River Trail. The Town has applied for another grant to put a sidewalk on

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Woodbury St. and from the library to the FEET overpass on Baboosic Lake Rd. NRPC gives the grant top priority in the region.

Dedication of Abbie Griffin Park Walkway The new granite steps were dedicated on Sept. 20. The video has been running on TV. Bill Cummings will work on new voice-over.

New business:

Other projects to consider: Karen suggested a display at the library with explanations of the purpose and process of the committee, then another display of the projects and priorities.

Halloween Party: Nelson, Peter and Jackie will set up a small display at the Wasserman Park event showing a map with trails and hand out our brochures showing a smaller version and other information.

Chairman: Nelson announced that he would like to step down as chairman. Bill Cummings suggested that we should all recruit volunteers to serve on the committee.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 12:54, Bill W. moved, Karen 2nd, all were in favor.