

MERRIMACK TOWN CENTER COMMITTEE

November 30, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Present: Nelson Disco, Karen Freed, Jackie Flood, Matt Shavenell, Peter Flood.

Excused: Bill Wilkes, Bill Cummings, Finlay Rothhaus.

Minutes: Minutes of the Oct. 26 meeting were approved, 3 -0-1 with Matt abstaining.

Old Business:

Town Center Committee vacancies: We will continue to look for a permanent member.

Status Planning Board/NRPC Study: The NRPC sidewalk study on the DW highway is due in December to the Planning Board, and also in December to the State Highway Department.

Status of the Souhegan River Trail and the 2018 Grant Application: The State is still revamping the plans of the 2015 grant application with the same engineering group involving the Souhegan River trail and the Baboosic Brook bridge by Pearson Road and Bedford Road. The culvert pipe is corroded. Projected rainfalls need greater clearance. The 2018 grant providing for sidewalks on Woodbury Street and along Baboosic Lake Road is still being worked on by the State.

Results of the Halloween Party: The Town Center table at the town Halloween Party at Wasserman Park was not as successful as it used to be with attendees interested in looking at our maps and talking with us. It is largely a factor of the immense popularity of the event – it is crowded with noise and young children with parents too busy to visit with us.

Display at the Library: Karen discussed a display in the library. She is concerned that people will be asking questions about the display and the staff is unable to respond. Even if we put brochures next to it, people tend to want more information. The library has offered us a place at the Turkey Shoot, however.

Chamber rep: We don't know yet if Bill Cummings can serve in the spot.

New Business:

Nelson is writing the report of the TCC for the Town Annual Report.\

Gift: Someone has given \$750 to the Town Center Committee. The older gift of \$500 is still in our account. Nelson will go to the Town Council for permission to accept it.

Priority List: Our priority list on our maps are all "money projects", mainly for sidewalks. We will continue to attend to functions of the town and promote understanding of our own function and the town's benefits from our work. We have a site on the town's website; we could update it. Also, elections are good places to set up information tables. We should do special publicity for each step we take towards our goals.

Next meeting: January 25, 2019, 12 noon at the Thornton Room.

Adjourn: We adjourned at 12:48, Karen moved, Peter 2nd, all in favor.