

Approved: August 23, 2019

MERRIMACK TOWN CENTER COMMITTEE
Minutes for Meeting of June 28, 2019

Meeting called to order: 12:04

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

Old Business Discussions:

Town Center Committee vacancies: The Committee is charged with having 5 members of the public, an at-large position, a chamber of commerce position, a Planning Commission representative, a library appointee, a member representing the SAU, and traditionally a Town Council Member. This Committee would like Bill Cummings to be appointed by the Chamber to be their official representative. He will update our website to reflect the positions available and needed.

The Status of the Planning Board/Nashua Regional Planning Commission Study: The Sidewalk Study is completed. The Public Works Dept. intends to reapply to the Dept. of Transportation for funding a sidewalk on Woodbury Street and Baboosic Lake Road, since the prior funding has been reallocated to be used for the Souhegan River Trail.

Widening of the F.E. Turnpike: Our PWD received a letter from the DOT about widening the FE Turnpike which informed us that the new sidewalk over the bridge on Wire Rd. will be on only one side of the road instead of both sides as we had requested. There is no new word about the DW Highway bridge over Baboosic Brook.

Status of the Souhegan River Trail: The DOT did a survey of land for the design of the walkway. It had been done by Keach Nordstrom several years ago. The survey begins in Watson Park, goes under the Chamberland Bridge, across wetland requiring a walkway. We hope the trail design will be finished by the end of this year.

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The 4th of July Pancake Breakfast: Our Committee will set up a card table on the 4th of July with brochures available for people to take and a map for people to see what trails are in and what will be built. The table will be unmanned.

Farmers Market and Turkey Shoot: We will continue to explore opportunities to publicize our work in the community to attract use of the town center, and to attract volunteers to continue improvements. The Farmers Market is not feasible during the summer because of lack of robust helpers able to set up the table with a tent. The Turkey Shoot presence will be arranged through Karen. There will have to be a person manning the table to answer questions. The table will probably be put at the right of the door coming into the cafeteria from the hall. Other projects to consider: additional TV presentations, creation of a Facebook/website.

New Business:

Teacher/student project: Bill Cummings reported that the Mr. Shaughnessy and student project is postponed until fall. It will entail probably one student participating in a video recording the construction of the Souhegan River Trail from beginning to end both time-wise and length-wise. People are very interested in the trails and will no doubt follow the project.

School report: Matt reported that the high school road will be paving next summer, the sidewalk built at that time. He is confident that the new superintendent won't be changing a lot, perhaps recategorizing certain items. All asbestos removed that was known, some windows replaced, bats are gone.

Next meeting: August 23.

Adjourned: 12:45