

Approved: October 18, 2019

MERRIMACK TOWN CENTER COMMITTEE
Minutes for Meeting of August 23, 2019

Meeting called to order: 12:04

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

Minutes: The Draft Minutes of May 17, 2019 were moved to accept by Karen, Bill W. seconded; Bill W. and Peter abstained, all else were in favor.

Peter moved June 28 minutes be accepted, Karen seconded. Bill W. abstained, all else were in favor.

Old Business: The Farmers Market was decided to give up for the summer because of the difficulty of getting the tent up and down. We have done it several times and perhaps we could start doing it again sometime when a stronger group can put everything in place.

Status of the Planning Board/NRPC Study. The Planning Board will be adopting the plan for Route 3 sidewalks in Merrimack, without approval of the DOT. Karen asked if money will be withheld, and the answer was that there is no money attached to it. DOT has instructed us that no approval will be given for curb cuts without an overall plan, no more piecemeal plans.

Status of the Souhegan River Trail: Quantum is still making steps towards surveying the trail.

New Business: Schoolteacher/student project, Video Souhegan River Trail - Bill C. has sent a message to Mr. Shaughnessy to prepare for a parental permission for students to be out on the Souhegan River Trail to add information and video to the Town Center Committee website. We would need some Town employees to be out on the trail; Bill W. offered to help.

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Additions to the Town Center Committee website: Bill C. will augment the student project with trail information and with possible other presentations.

Discussion of Longa Property: We were shown a preliminary plan for the development of the Longa property abutting Watson Park. A further presentation will be scheduled.

Annual Report to the Town Council; to be prepared in October.

Other Projects to consider for 2019/2020: Turkey Shoot near November 21/22?
Creation of a Facebook/website?

We discussed a flashing speed sign to put on Woodbury St. Perhaps we would assign it to the Highway Safety Committee.

We have gotten recommendation from the NRPC for funds for the sidewalk. We didn't get it but will reapply. The sidewalk has too much of a slope, needs an exemption for the handicap provisions.

Public Comments: None

Next meeting: October 4, 2019

Adjourned: 1:00