Approved: December 4, 2020

Town Center Committee Minutes for the Meeting of October 30, 2020

This meeting was held via the Zoom software program, with each participant remaining at home or in their offices

Present: Nelson Disco, Bill Cummings, Finlay Rothhaus, and Kyle Fox.

Excused: Matt Shevenell, and Karen Freed

Guest: Nicholas LaVallee

Minute Taker: Nelson Disco

September 18 Minutes

The Minutes of the TCC meeting of September 18 were approved on a motion by Finlay Rothhaus, seconded by Bill Cummings, by a vote of 4-0-0. Because this was an electronic meeting, a roll-call vote was required which is recorded as follows: Bill Cummings, aye; Nelson Disco, aye; Finlay Rothhaus, aye; and Kyle Fox, aye.

Old Business:

The Status of establishing a TCC Facebook Page

This item was taken up first to allow Nicholas LaValley to leave for another meeting. Nicholas reported that he and Bill Wilkes had been able to meet once since the last meeting. Nick showed the Committee a drafted proposal for a TCC Page for initial discussion. It was agreed that Nick and Bill Wilkes and Bill Cummings would set up another meeting to discuss further details for the web site. Nicholas stressed the importance of posing questions on the web site to encourage interaction with the site visitors.

Status of the Souhegan River Footbridge

Dawn Touamala, Town Engineer, has presented a proposal for a replacement bridge to the TTAC and which has been ranked with the other project submissions in the 2023-2032 Ten Year Plan. The Town portion of the cost will be included in the Town CIP in 2021.

Status of the Souhegan River Trail. -

Another Cultural Resources Study is being done done for this project. The time frame for construction is now TBD. The Town and Consultant are working to avoid delay by resubmitting the previous cultural study.

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Woodbury Street Sidewalk

It was reported to the Committee that the Merrimack Town Council had given approval to Public Works to proceed with the Design of the Woodbury Street Sidewalk on October 30th. Design investigation will look at a design which includes widening of Woodbury Street to allow parking on the south side of the street.

High School Master Plan

Matt Shevenell was not present for this meeting, but it appears that work has not commenced on the School Master Plan because of the efforts required in dealing with Corona Virus issues.

Old Business

Nelson again noted that he would like to move on as chair of the TCC and that the appointment of a Vice Chair, to replace Peter Flood, would be an appropriate step in this direction.

There was discussion of establishing priorities for recommendations to the Town Council for the next projects in the iTrac study recommendations. Possible Projects would be:

Frazier Square ??

Library to O'Gara Drive (North Side Baboosic Lake Road)

Twin Bridge Road (Route 3 to T.B. Park Trail (North Side)

Choueri Gas to Baboosic Lake Road (East Side Rte 3)

Baboosic Lake Road to Twin Bridge Park (East Side Rte 3)

Twin Bridge Road to Dunkn Donuts (West Side Rte 3)

Connell Shopping Center to Fire Station (West Side Rte 3)

Public Comments

There were no public comments received at this meeting.

Next Meeting – Set for 4 December 2020 - via Zoom.

Adjournment – Bill Cummings moved and Findlay Rothhaus seconded to adjourn at 1:15 pm. Approved 4-0-0.Roll call Vote: Bill Cummings, aye; Nelson Disco, aye; Finlay Rothhaus, aye; and Kyle Fox, aye.