

Approved: May 13, 2022

**Town Center Committee
Minutes for the Meeting of April 8, 2022**

This meeting was held at 12:00 pm in the Matthew Thornton Meeting Room in the Merrimack Town Hall.

Present: Nelson Disco, Bill Cummings, Finlay Rothhaus
Karen Contos, Nicholas Lavallee and Kyle Fox,

Absent: Bill Wilkes, Matt Shevenell, Karen Freed

Special Guest: Michael Redding

The chairman announced that today's special guest has expressed interest in joining the TCC and is present today to observe our meeting. It is expected that the Merrimack Town Council will appoint him to the Committee before our next meeting.

Minute Taker: Nelson Disco

February 18, 2022 Minutes

The Minutes of the TCC meeting of February 18 were approved on a motion by Bill Cummings, seconded by Karen Contos by a vote of 6-0-0.

Old Business Discussions:

4a. Results of Winter Carnival

Nelson Disco, Karen Contos and Karen Freed attended the February 26 Merrimack Winter Carnival at Wasserman Park on behalf of the TCC. They handed out a revised brochure on the TCC Plans. As always, the brochures were well received by the Carnival attendees.

4b Souhegan River Trail

Kyle reported that the revised trail design, incorporating a raised boardwalk through the former wet meadow, is still awaiting DOT and NHDES approval. The next step is to submit the revised wetland application that responds to NHDES' request for more information (RMI). We hope this will be an easy approval because of the extensive discussions between the Town, NHDES, and NHDOT leading up to this submittal. We are still hoping for final approvals in 2022.

4c. High School Master Plan - No changes since January

4e. Status of TCC Facebook

Nicholas reported a continued interest in the TCC Facebook page with a growth to 40 new "followers" since last month

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4f. Town Center Video

Nicholas reported that he is still planning for the Town Center Video to help define the Town Center for residents and demonstrating that it's an active and distinct section of Merrimack. He is awaiting better weather in order to film the Town Center with activities taking place at the various Center activities. Video of the new sidewalk on Woodbury Street will be included.

4g. Route3/ Baboosic Brook Bridge.

Kyle reported that we and NHDOT are continuing looking at combining the Route 3 Baboosic Brook Bridge project with the Wire Road/Route 3 intersection project. It now appears that there may be a traffic light intersection between Wire Road and Route 3 rather than a roundabout, but this will be determined through the process. Combining the projects will save money for State and Town. This combined project, may include a sidewalk on the West side of Route 3 from the Library to the north side of the new Baboosic Brook Bridge. Schedule is now hoped for advertising both projects for bid together in late 2025.

New Business

Review Update to the TCC Handout

At the February TCC Meeting it was agreed that we would not completely update the TCC map handout in time for the upcoming Winter Carnival. We did update the text portions and had handouts for the Winter Carnival. At this meeting there was further discussions of updating the map. It was agreed that Nelson would explore updating the map with NRPC.

Video Taping of Town Center by the Media Center.

Nicholas Lavalley presented a plan outline for video taping of the Merrimack Center by the Media Division. The TCC was asked for comments. There will be more discussion next month.

Public Comments - There were no public comments received.

Next Meeting – Next regular TCC Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2022, in the Matthew Thornton Meeting Room.

Adjournment – Nicholas Lavalley moved and Karen Contos seconded the motion to adjourn at 1:05 pm. Motion approved 6-0.