

Approved: February 10, 2017

Merrimack Town Center Committee

Minutes Jan. 6, 2017

Call to order: 12:09

Present: Nelson Disco, Peter Flood, Finlay Rothhaus, Bill Cummings, Karen Freed, Jackie Flood

Minutes: The minutes of the December 2 meeting was moved to approve by Peter Flood, Nelson seconded, 4 approved, 2 abstentions.

Old Business:

Status of the Souhegan River Trail: Quantum Engineering led a hearing on the TAP grant, presenting 3 different routes to arrive at the east end of the trail. The first was essentially what we applied for, a route under the Chamberlain Bridge. The second and third alternatives set a course in north and south directions along DW Highway and then across via crossing paths or traffic signals. The alternatives to the favored trail were required to present to the public. If the cost and environmental impact of one of the alternatives is less than the favored route, the alternative will be chosen. The audience comments were unanimously in favor of the tunnel and against either of the other routes. About 10 people spoke. Karen asked if there was work needed near the impoundment area in Watson Park to accommodate the new trail; the answer is yes.

Kyle and Dawn visited the meeting to give us the good news of a sidewalk grant of \$520,000 for Woodbury Street.

Peter reported on the work to be done around Abbie Griffin Park. The horse trough would be welcome if it were moved across the street. Peter and Bill Cummings will have a discussion with the Town Manager in regard to both the walkway up the hill from the DW Highway sidewalk into the Griffin Park, and the horse trough.

Membership: Not much headway.

Other New Business:

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Merrimack TV Presentation: Justin has the right format. More discussion is necessary.

Winter Farmers' Market: A date for us to give out information to the public at the market would be Feb. 15 from 3 -6. We will also be at the Winter Carnival on Saturday, Feb. 25.

We might want another brochure for a hand-out; design a new one?

Bill Cummings will discuss a Town Center Committee display with the library.

Next Meeting: Feb. 10, 2017.

Adjourn: Peter moved, Karen seconded to adjourn at 1:08.