

**Town Center Committee**  
**Minutes April 27, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 12:07.

**Present:** Nelson Disco, Peter Flood, Bill Wilkes, Matt Shevenell, Jackie Flood

**Absent with notice:** Mary Hendricks, Karen Freed, Finlay Rothhaus, Bill Cummings.

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes of the March 23, 2018 meeting were approved with one change: Bill Wilkes was in attendance.

**Old Business Discussions:**

Status of Souhegan River Trail, 2017 grant and Town Council meeting 4/26:

The Souhegan River Trail grant is moving slowly, partly because of the Historical requirements. The State has declared that the trail must be ADA compliant. This requirement is necessary for this particular grant. We need a

bridge of some sort over the impoundment area. The requirement of 10 feet width has been reduced to requiring 5 feet instead.

Chamberlain Bridge is defective where the trail will be, spawling over where people will walk. The 3 options for us are: 1. Don't do it. 2. The town to make up the difference between what the grant is offering and the actual cost of the project. 3. Combine moneys from both grants, re-apply for the Greeley St. sidewalk again later and do the trail now.

The Council voted for option 3, using \$150,000 now in Capital Reserve. The worst defects of the bridge will be repaired within the grants.

Approved: June 1, 2018

Survey from Election Day: 300 + responses were received. They showed overwhelming support for building sidewalks. A bicycle/walk lane along DW Highway had 93 yes/7 no.

Of the whole list of other projects: places for comments had mostly suggestions for other sidewalks, especially Town Hall to the Post Office or the Commons. Library to police station; Watson Park to Twin Bridge Park, etc. The Council wants the results.

Abbie Griffin Park Walkway: Bill Wilkes met with Bob Best. There is lots of thicket growth; the town wants the DPW to clear it out since it doesn't look nice now. We will reassess the situation in May aiming for a September opening. Bill suggested having a half dozen people clipping wood and having the DPW come in after ad chip it. This project will expand the park for picnicking and landscaping.

Bill W. asked what do we do to get the Woodbury St. sidewalk project back on track? Nelson replied that Kyle will reapply for another grant; Nelson will consult him.

**Adjourn:** At 12:58 Bill W. moved to adjourn, Peter seconded, all were in favor.

Next meeting of the Town Center Committee will be on June 1, 2018.