

Approved: July 20, 2018

**Town Center Committee
Minutes June 1, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 12:09 PM.

Present: Nelson Disco, Bill Cummings, Karen Freed, Peter Flood

Absent: Jackie Flood, Bill Wilkes, Matt Shevenell

Minutes: Bill Cummings moved to accept the April 27 minutes, and Peter Flood seconded. 2 approved, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

Old Business:

TCC Vacancies: Mary Hendricks has resigned from the Town Center Committee. She was representing the Merrimack Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce has been approached to send a rep. Bill Cummings is a long standing member of the Chamber offered to serve as Chamber Rep. A representative is also needed from the Town Council, possibly Findlay Rothhaus.

Status of Souhegan River Trail and 2017 Grant and Town Council Meeting 4/26: Regarding financial availability for the Souhegan River Trail project – Engineering studies have determined that there is not sufficient funds in the grant to construct the trail as planned. The Town Council has approved Woodbury Street sidewalks money being put towards the Souhegan River Trail. We will reapply for the Woodbury Street grant in the fall.

Status of the Planning Board Survey – April 10: The NRPC and the Planning Board are creating a plan for building sidewalks from Bedford to Nashua along Route 3. This is part of the recommendations included in the 2013 Merrimack Master Plan. The Planning Board has developed a survey questionnaire which was completed by voters at the April 10 election. Results of the survey were presented to the Committee by Nelson. The Town Council is now supporting this initiative and the NRPC is beginning to develop this plan.

Celebration of Abbie Griffin Park Walkway – Bill Wilkes : Discussion of a date for the celebration was deferred until the next meeting. The Department of Public Works is maintaining control of the mowing, clearing of brush, and maintenance of that area.

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New Business:

Town July 4 Celebration: The TCC will set up a table with our big poster map and brochures of Town maps during the July 4 Rotary Breakfast. The table will not need to be manned. Set up will be before 8:00 AM.

Other projects to consider for 2018:

Bill Cummings suggested that the TCC use the Town Facebook Page and social media to attract Merrimack citizens with tech ability. He will check with the MHS tech department faculty and possibly attract a student who could then apply for service hours.

The Woodbury Street sidewalk grant will need to start over. PWD will need to reapply for a grant.

The rebuilding of the bridge over Baboosic Brook on the DW Highway is scheduled for 2020-2021. Everett Turnpike widening will also be taking place during that time and will probably include building some Town sidewalks.

TV Presentations: Bill Cummings suggested having the Abbie Griffin Park Celebration on a Thursday morning during the regular Rotary Club meeting time. This would take the place of an invited speaker for this meeting.

Public Comment – none

Next Meeting – July 20, 2018 at 12:00 in the Matthew Thornton Room

Adjournment - Bill Cummings moved to adjourn and Karen seconded. All were in favor.