

**TOWN CENTER COMMITTEE
MINUTES JULY 20, 2018**

Meeting came to order at 12:05.

Present: Nelson Disco, Peter Flood, Bill Wilkes, Finlay Rothhaus, Matt Shevenell, Jackie Flood.

Absent, excused: Karen Freed, Bill Cummings.

Minutes of the June 1 meeting approved unanimously with Matt and Finlay abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Center Committee Vacancies:

Nelson has asked the president of the Chamber of Commerce if she could supply a representative to replace Mary Hendricks.

Status of the Planning Board/NRPC Study:

Nelson asked the NRPC for the status of the study and survey they did on election day that 239 people completed and submitted. The priority items were the sidewalks and bike path along D.W. Highway, which 195 people were in favor of; the beginnings and ends of the sidewalks and paths varied. People also wanted sidewalks on the north side of Baboosic Lake Rd. from the Police Station to the Library. Peter reminded us of the desire for a sidewalk down O’Gara Dr., from Baboosic Lake Rd. to the High School. Nelson told us that when a new bridge is built over the turnpike, there will be sidewalks on both sides.

Bill Wilkes said there will be a bike path along Continental Blvd. to 101A.

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

There is not sufficient money in the grant to finish the Trail project. The State proposed 3 alternatives: Cancel the project, Cancel the Woodbury St. sidewalk and use the grant money to combine with the River Trail, or have the trail cross D.W. Highway at the CVS crosswalk and lights. The Council voted for the second option, and the State accepted it.

In the meantime, we were missing a deadline for 2019 grant money. The sidewalk piece from the library to the police station would be cheaper than the library to Wire Rd. because of obstacles of ownership, etc. We have submitted a letter of intent to submit an application.

Public Outreach:

July 4: The Town Center Committee had a card table, and maps and brochures at the Fourth of July celebration pancake breakfast. Many were taken.

Granite Stairway dedication: Bill Cummings suggested that the Abbie Griffin Park granite stairway be dedicated in September. Perhaps it could be a regular Rotary Meeting, with Bill Wilkes as the Master of Ceremonies. Rob Lavoie, Sean O'Keefe and Ward Gleason should be invited.

New Business:

Town Center Committee Web Site: Bill Cummings will contact

The school a to a student who might help with th web site for the TCC.

Additional TV Presentations: We want a television-worthy recording of the Abbie Griffin Park granite stairway dedication ceremony.

Farmers Market presence on Aug. 15.

Next meeting will be Sept. 7. Adjourned at 12:48, Bill C. moved, Peter 2nd, all in favor.