

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

31 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stacey Marchionni – Chair; Dave Walker – Vice Chair; Donna Bogan – Secretary; Sandy Keans; Molly Meulenbroek; Ray Felts; Andrea Lemire; Jenn Marsh

MEMBERS ABSENT

Corey MacKoul; Michelle Mears; Owen Friend-Gray; Peter Bruckner

OTHERS PRESENT

John Storer – DPW Director; Liz Markhlevskaya -Fosters

- A. CALL TO ORDER – Stacey called the meeting to order at 5:04PM. New member introductions were made.
- B. APPROVAL - Minutes of 11/1/16 meeting were approved by Dave Walker, second by Donna Bogan.
- C. DISCUSSION – New Committee Members – Mayor McCarley approved Molly, Ray, Andrea and Peter. Michelle and Owen were also approved as ex-officio. A motion was made by Donna Bogan and second by Sandy Keans to appoint Dave Walker as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Dave Walker, second by Sandy Keans to appoint Donna Bogan as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. DISCUSSION – Review of Walking Tour on 11/5 – Some of the committee members met at Hanson Pines and walked from the Pines to the lot adjacent to Ben Franklin. After, Stacey, Dave and Jenn drove to the Athletic Field and Hillsdale Road. Stacey sent photos via email. Hillsdale is open and a perfect area for a boat launch. It is City owned and already has some granite benches. However, there is no parking.

John Storer provided us with a map so we were able to pinpoint launch areas, potential footbridges and designs. He advised of the following plans from the City:

~Dewey Bridge – design is pending and a bid will be submitted in the next few months. Hoping to start mid-June and end by 9/1. Bridge will be single span, approximately 170', in two pieces.

~TAP Grant – possibly get funding in 2018 for pedestrian/biking area.

~Neighborhood meetings for William Allen School area and Wakefield St will take place on 11/30 at 7:00pm at the Community Center.

~Public Hearing will be scheduled for Strafford Square; roundabout construction currently in design phase.

~John will reach out to bridge company to possibly obtain used footbridges, about 20-30'.

~Trustees of the Trust Fund, DES, and County Co-op Extension need to be contacted prior to any clean up or construction.

KEY PARCELS – Lot adjacent to Ben Franklin building (owner not interested in riverwalk behind property). Lot adjacent to Studley's (no driveway), Foster's building (for lease).

Intervale and north of Little Falls Bridge Road are City owned.

John suggested looking into Recreation Easements rather than purchasing properties. He will get us info.

E. INITIAL PROJECTS – Look into developing “low hanging fruit” areas first. Such as:

~Take out brush between bridge and Duval Park.

~ River clean- up, in the spring, once DES has given okay.

Clear out invasive species (DES approval not required)

~Look into lighting the area behind Foster's building.

~Change logo to the stone bridge design.

~Boat launch and dock – handicap assessable. Stacey will invite Rose Marie Rogers to our next meeting to discuss possible available funds.

~Parking

~Path across ravine and into the Pines

~Signage, Way finding, Banners, Lighting

~Pocket Parks

~Exercise Spots – Jenn will contact Timberland for a possible Day of Caring project

~Boy Scout Eagle Projects – Ray will contact local troops

~Contact Trustees of the Trust Fund, DES and County Co-op Extension

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Dave Walker, second by Donna Bogan. Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.

Next meeting will be held on December 6, 2016 at 5:00PM – City Council Chambers – 31 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH

Respectfully submitted by Donna Bogan