

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 21, 2018

CITY HALL ANNEX, COCHECO ROOM

33 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT – Jon Batson, Peter Bruckner, Ray Felts, Andrea Lemire, Esther Turner, David Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT – Donna Bogan, Sandy Keans, Stacey Marchionni, Molly Meulenbroek

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Julian Long, Jenn Marsh

A. CALL TO ORDER-David called the meeting to order at 5:33.

B. APPROVAL - Minutes of August 7, 2018

Andrea made a motion to approve the minutes, Ray seconded, unanimous approval.

C. DISCUSSION-Riverwalk dinner

The plan was recapped, assuming a maximum of 75 tickets. The number will have to be approved by the restaurant providing the food.

Ray plans to contact the rental company about 10 long tables and the chairs on Wednesday.

Jenn suggested decorating the railing with lights that evening. Jon will provide a photographic display of the river and its surrounds. Esther will provide a large-scale map with a “you are here” button on it. Jenn recommended a comments box to collect ideas from the attendees. The rain date would likely be the following Wednesday.

The focus of this dinner is getting people in the community talking about Riverwalk.

Tickets need to be printed. An account within the City will need to be established so that payment for the tickets can be made to the City of Rochester.

Because we are close to the event date, September 19, without any publicity out there yet, we may need to push the event out at least one week or maybe cancel it altogether.

D. DISCUSSION-Grant applications

We expect a notification on our grant application for a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant in September. Once we know that we have won the funds, we will return to the City Council to get approval to accept the \$80,000. At that point the search for a suitable used bridge becomes both real and imperative.

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant needs the committee’s attention in our upcoming meetings. It is not too soon to start putting the pieces together. Jenn will look into getting the revised master plan into our view for our next meeting. What do we want to accomplish with the \$1,000,000? The costing in the revised master plan will guide us in what is feasible.

E. DISCUSSION-Other

We discussed having a paddler launch event from the riverside at the end of Hillsdale Street.

There are signs posted street-side that say no parking, no standing, no stopping. This will need to be changed to allow canoe and kayak drop-off and pick-up.

As an investigation into environmental signage, Jon and Ray will conduct a walk-through Dominicus Hanson Park on Sunday at 12:30. In addition to noting natural features, they will document the locations of existing benches, bench platforms needing planking, and good sites for new benches. Committee members are welcome to join.

ADJOURN – A motion to adjourn was made by Ray, second by Andrea, and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4 from 5:30-6:30 pm –

City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room, 33 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH

Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner