

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 17, 2018

CITY HALL ANNEX, COCHECO ROOM

33 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT – Stacey Marchionni, Dave Walker, Ray Felts, Andrea Lemire, Jon Batson

MEMBERS ABSENT –Donna Bogan, Sandy Keans, Esther Turner

OTHERS Present –Jenn Marsh, Julian Long

- A. Stacey called the meeting to order at 5:32.
- B. APPROVAL - Minutes of October 2, 2018. Andrea made a motion to approve minutes as written, Ray seconded.
- C. DISCUSSION- Kayak/canoe event; spring cleanup
Jenn and Ray discussed their trip canoe/kayak trip from Hillsdale to Cove Court last week. Pictures were added to Facebook. Ray mentioned from Little Falls to Hillsdale that he saw a few trees down in the river a few last time he canoed it. The group discussed a spring cleanup day. Stacey will reach out to Main Street to join the Earth Day clean up event already in place. The Riverwalk Committee can recruit to clean up the shore of the river and if possible have a few people in the river to clean up. The group discussed having two groups if in the water; one from Little Falls to Hillsdale and the other from Hillsdale to the arch bridge.
- D. DISCUSSION- RTP Grant and CDBG grant opportunity
Stacey and Julian will be at the City Council meeting to ask City Council to approve the \$80,000 recreational trails grant. The group discussed their options moving forward with the high bid they received on the bridge. Esther and Julian held a conference call with the grant manager and there is potential to move forward and send in a revised project narrative. That project narrative needs to describe what the proposed changes would be; this is due the beginning of November. Stacey talked about moving taking out the bridge aspect, doing a ramp over a large ditch that would connect the rail trail, and the river trails north of Heath Brook. Julian explained the funding for the CDBG grant. Stacey will need to send Julian a letter stating the Riverwalk is looking to apply for the grant. The committee discussed the possibility of applying for the grant for a kayak launch.
- E. Wayfinding and other projects
Jenn asked if the committee agreed that the logo for the Riverwalk should be the same as the City logo that was created for Wayfinding. The group unanimously agreed to use the same logo.
- F. Fundraising and 501c3 options
Stacey explained that she wants to look at asking a 501c3 to be the fiscal agent/sponsor for the Riverwalk. Her reason is because some businesses will only donate to non-profits of this status due to their donations being tax deductible. Stacey had asked Main Street to consider a fiscal sponsorship/agency with the Riverwalk. Jenn noted as a Main Street Board member that 3

people were attending a training later this month and will be asking about liability as the fiscal sponsor/agent. She will follow up next meeting.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Ray, seconded by Jon. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6th from 5:30-6:30 pm – City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room, 33 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH

Respectfully submitted by Jenn Marsh