

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 1, 2018

CITY HALL ANNEX, COCHECO ROOM

33 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT –Donna Bogan, Peter Bruckner, Ray Felts, Stacey Marchionni, Molly Meulenbroek, Esther Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT –Sandy Keans, Andrea Lemire, Dave Walker

OTHERS Present – Jon Batson, Julian Long, Jenn Marsh

A. CALL TO ORDER-Stacey called the meeting to order at 5:41.

B. APPROVAL - Minutes of April 17, 2018

Donna made a motion to approve minutes as is, Ray seconded, unanimous approval.

**Donna** volunteered to write up her notes from the April 3 meeting, send them along to Stacey to incorporate her notes, and perhaps check with Dave, to produce minutes of that meeting.

C. DISCUSSION-Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant application

Esther reported that Julian has begun the write-up of the RTP grant, that the Director of the Career Technical Center, Michele Halligan-Foley, and the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Kyle Repucci, are interested in engaging their faculty and students in the RTP project and in other projects such as bench installation along the trails in Dominicus Hanson Park, and that the specific location of the bridge is dependent on feedback from the Department of Environmental Services (DES).

**Stacey** has sent an email to the Director of City Services, Peter Nourse, regarding the meeting with DES and is ready to meet with DES in Portsmouth if necessary. She recommended that the bridge be sited in the location of the previous bridge because that location requires a shorter span than crossings closer to the Cocheco.

D. DISCUSSION-Master plan update and review

Stacey reported that Rick Lundborn, CLD Civil Engineer, has been delayed in his work on the master plan update because of technical difficulties at their offices.

Stacey met with the Diocese of Manchester's Director of Real Estate, Rob Eib. It was an encouraging meeting. Stacey traced the possibilities for the trail across the land behind Holy Rosary Church, perhaps connecting to sidewalks at Schley Street and across the Cocheco to Cove Court and a kayak/canoe landing. **Stacey** has made contact with the President of Club Victoire and with the Fairgrounds' RAMA to explore possibilities.

E. DISCUSSION-Funding and fundraising

Stacey shared a presentation she put together for Rotary lunch last week. She requested feedback on how this might be incorporated into marketing materials. She has already produced a .pdf file. **Jenn** recommended consulting with one of the members of her department who is talented at developing marketing materials.

**Ray** and **Jon** volunteered to provide Stacey with images of the Cocheco River.

Jenn announced that Riverwalk may set up a 10-ft by 10-ft booth at Wings and Wheels, Saturday, June 2. **Stacey's** offer to host a facebook page for the Riverwalk Committee has been accepted.

Paving with embossed bricks purchased by donors was suggested as a fundraiser.

Two dates were selected for Riverwalk dinners: Wednesday, June 20, and Wednesday, September 12. **Ray** will investigate a potential donor for tables, chairs, and linens for these dinners. **Jenn** requested volunteers to meet with her to plan the dinners.

ADJOURN – A motion to adjourn was made by Peter, second by Donna, and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15 from 5:30-6:30 pm – City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room, 33 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH

Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner