

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 5, 2019

CITY HALL ANNEX, COCHECO ROOM
33 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT –

Peter Bruckner, Ray Felts, Andrea Lemire, Stacey Marchionni, Esther Turner, David Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT – Jon Batson, Donna Bogan, Sandy Keans

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Sarah Cantrell, Danny DeVoid, Julian Long, Jenn Marsh

A. CALL TO ORDER-David called the meeting to order at 5:37.

B. APPROVAL - Minutes of December 4, 2018

Peter made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Andrea seconded, unanimous approval.

C. DISCUSSION- Maple Street Magnet School Collaboration

Danny Devoid and Sarah Cantrell, teachers at Maple Street, shared their project-based approach and the essential question that brought them to our meeting: “How can we show that the Cocheco River is important to the Rochester community?”

Students are currently working on plywood murals which were offered for display by Riverwalk.



There was consensus that the plans described by the teachers are in alignment with interests of the Riverwalk Committee. Jenn and Esther volunteered to come to the school to work with the students.

D. DISCUSSION- Review Grants and Opportunities

- a. Julian advised the committee that the budget numbers for the boardwalk at Hanson Pines have not yet been submitted to Recreational Trails Program. Stacey will get those numbers to Julian.
- b. Funding which was sought from Community Development Block Grant for a boat launch was denied because Rochester at large is no longer rated as low- to moderate-income and the boat launch would serve Rochester at large.
- c. Rotary Club funding was sought in collaboration with Rochester Main Street for a percussion park to be located downtown along the river. Rotary has many project possibilities and has not yet made a decision.

E. DISCUSSION- Spring Fundraisers

Riverwalk will have three dinner events—one in the spring, one in the summer, and one in the fall.

The spring event is planned for the second weekend in May with a rain date on the third weekend.

Kayaks will be available at the launch site at Hillsdale. People may bring their own kayaks and drop

them off at Hillsdale, but they will leave their cars at the Hanson Pines parking lot at the high school.

They may walk the trail up to Hillsdale to launch their kayaks or catch a ride to the launch site. We will

contact Maple Street School to see if they would like to put their nature artwork on display for this

event. Kayaks will pull out at the Dewey Street pedestrian bridge, where lunch will be set-up on tables with checkered tablecloths.

Jenn will contact a local sandwich shop for food service. Stacey will contact a kayak rental company.

Esther will setup a shuttle arrangement from the Hanson Pines parking area to the kayak launch site to transport people who prefer not to walk the trail.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Next meeting will be held on

Tuesday, February, from 5:30-6:30 pm – City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room, 33 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH

Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner