

# ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 24, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING: Remote phone conference session with public access on 857-444-0744 via 689461  
ROCHESTER, NH 03967

## MEMBERS PRESENT –

Jon Batson, Peter Bruckner, Ray Felts, Suzie Mills, Stacey Purslow, Esther Turner, David Walker

## MEMBERS ABSENT –

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Jennifer Marsh (City Staff Contact), Barbara Murphy (President Strafford County Board of Realtors), Kerrie Landry, Maggie McConaghy

### Preamble for City Meetings during COVID-19

David Walker read the preamble detailing the rules under which the meeting is conducted during the pandemic.

A. CALL TO ORDER – David called the meeting to order at 6:02.

B. APPROVAL –

a. Motion to accept the minutes of October 24, 2020, by Jon, second by Ray, and approved by roll call.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Jon Batson	Yea	Susan Mills	Yea	Esther Turner	Yea
Peter Bruckner	Yea	Stacey Purslow	Yea	David Walker	Yea
Ray Felts	Yea				

C. DISCUSSION – Grant opportunity from Strafford County Board of Realtors

**Barbara Murphy** presented the Strafford County Board of Realtors grant program for outdoor community projects, managed through National Association of Realtors. She will provide documentation of the grant requirements to Jenn. Given the information presented, the committee expressed interest. **Jenn** will review the document. If it appears suitable for Riverwalk, she will write a letter of interest to the SCBR.

D. DISCUSSION – Potential project

Of the four areas under consideration—an overlook at the dam near Duval Park, a pocket park behind the Gaffney house, pocket parks within Dominicus Hanson Park, and Water Street—the best project to target for the next effort would be enhancement of the handicap-accessible outdoor classroom in Hanson Pines. **Jenn** will check with the Director of Parks on the possibility of a structure of some sort in the park.

An overlook at the dam is a desirable project because it would be downtown. **Jenn** will ask the Department of Public Works for a back-of-the-envelope estimate of cost. **Suzie** and **Esther** will work to keep this project moving forward.

The big idea of Riverwalk, to provide a walk along the Cocheco, remains; but the committee recognizes the challenges and the need for taking a long view, while watching for opportunities to bring it to reality.

E. DISCUSSION – Kayak launch update

**Jenn** reported that the launch has been removed and put into storage. DPW and the Recreation Department collaborated in managing the take-out. It will remain in storage until May 15th.

F. DISCUSSION – Plaque for past chair

**David** will present this plaque and the city's appreciation of service on some afternoon soon at Factory Court.

G. DISCUSSION – Next meeting

Rather than meet on Christmas Eve, we will meet two days earlier on Tuesday, December 22.

ADJOURN –

Motion to adjourn by Peter, second by Ray, and approved by roll call.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Jon Batson	Yea	Susan Mills	Yea	Esther Turner	Yea
Peter Bruckner	Yea	Stacey Purslow	Yea	David Walker	Yea
Ray Felts	Yea				

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 22**, from 6:00-7:30 pm, in accordance with rules of public meetings in effect on that date.

—Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner