

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 28, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING: Remote phone conference session via Microsoft Teams
ROCHESTER, NH 03967

MEMBERS PRESENT –

Jon Batson, Peter Bruckner, Ray Felts, Maggie McConaghy, Suzie Mills, Barbara Murphy, Stacey Purslow, Esther Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT – Kerrie Landry, David Walker

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Jennifer Marsh (City Staff Contact), Donald Hamann (Ward 5 City Councilor)

Preamble for City Meetings during COVID-19

Jenn Marsh read the preamble detailing the rules under which the meeting is conducted during the pandemic.

A. CALL TO ORDER – Jenn called the meeting to order at 6:04 and conducted a roll call attendance.

B. APPROVAL –

a. Motion to accept the minutes of December 22, 2020, by Ray, second by Suzie, and approved by roll call unanimously.

C. DISCUSSION – Grant updates

This year is the last of the current round of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant. The City of Rochester DPW is applying for sidewalks to connect sidewalk segments that are used by students walking to and from schools. Riverwalk will hold-off for another year.

The Strafford County Board of Realtors will be approached by **Barb** for funding for the outdoor open-air structure project to enhance outdoor classrooms in Dominicus Hanson Pines.

D. DISCUSSION – Update on potential projects



Peter reported on his work with DPW and NH DES Dam Bureau, sharing the images here of a 24-ft diameter precast platform installed at the abutment by Duval Park. Once the permissions come through from DPW and DES and the costs are established, the committee will get to work on grants and contributors.

Downtown would benefit from a kayak launch/take-out. The Cocheco River has some potential sites which would require collaboration with property owners. Funding for this second launch might be sought this fall.

The Fire Department had planned, pre-COVID, to supply life vests at the Hillsdale launch site. **Jenn** will talk to the Chief to understand what the plan might be for the next season.

E. DISCUSSION – Strategic planning

Stacey and **Suzie** reported that they had been working up a grants calendar, Stacey in a word document, Suzie in a spreadsheet, both shared on Google docs. Additional grants are being added as they are identified.

F. DISCUSSION – 2021 Officers

A slate of officers—David Walker for chair, Peter Bruckner for vice-chair, and Esther Turner for secretary—was nominated by Jon with a second by Ray. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

G. Plaque update

Barbara, Esther, and Jenn recently presented the recognition plaque to Stacey Marchionni. Stacey extended her appreciation.

H. Other

Jon proposed some educational events, for example, a time-lapse run of the river, historical information, and such. Jenn suggested working with city resources such as its interactive mapping capability. Ray offered his collection of photographs and memories associated with where he has lived for many years.

If a member would like to invite a guest to an upcoming meeting, during our remote sessions, contact Jenn and she will arrange the invitation.

Next meetings: February Nicolette; March Matt Wyatt

I. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:13 by Peter, second by Ray, and roll call vote unanimously in favor.

Next meeting to be held virtually on Thursday, February 25, 2021, 6:00pm.

—Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner