

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 26, 2021
City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room and remote attendance
ROCHESTER, NH 03967

MEMBERS PRESENT – Jon Batson (remote), Peter Bruckner, Kerrie Landry, Maggie McConaghy, Suzie Mills, Barbara Murphy (remote), Stacey Purslow, Esther Turner (remote), David Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT – Ray Felts

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Jennifer Marsh (City Staff Contact; Assistant Director, Economic Development)

- A. CALL TO ORDER — David called the meeting to order at 6:02. David read the rules for remote participation.
- B. APPROVAL —
Motion to accept the minutes of July 22, 2021, was made by Jon, seconded by Peter, and unanimously approved by role call vote.
- C. DISCUSSION — Rotary Day of Service: Water clean-up
Rotary is sponsoring a clean-up of shorelines along waterways and bodies of water in Rochester. **Jenn** investigated the intervalle, but found accessibility hindered by fencing. In addition, there appear to be campsites set up in the area. The intervalle would benefit from a clean-up, but it would be difficult to accomplish.
Additional locations are being scouted. A likely location is the banks of Willow Brook.
- D. DISCUSSION — Observation posts
Stacey provided feedback from the schools. There is interest in overlooks along the river in Dominicus Hanson Park.

QR codes on posts were installed in the park under the direction of the Trustees and the Environment Science educator at the high school. These have been destroyed but could be restored and augmented with additional QR code posts.
- E. DISCUSSION — Riverwalk Dinner and calendar recap
The dinner will be postponed until next spring or summer, allowing two or three months of planning time.

Calendar sales brought \$1,800 into the Riverwalk fund.
- F. DISCUSSION — Project updates
The outdoor classroom structure will be a spring project. **Stacey** will discuss the engagement of high school students with the high school principal, perhaps involving the junior class this fall with plans for finalization in the following year, which would allow this as a senior project in the following year.

Peter has been leaving messages with DPW about the next steps on the dam overlook.
- G. DISCUSSION — Other
Main Street will test a bistro table and seating on the wide sidewalk along the river between the downtown dams.

Jon volunteered to fund some laminated posters for Riverwalk to use for public events.

Jenn will provide some images and information from the Master Plan to Matt Wyatt for mock-up into a pamphlet for public information.

Jenn and **Kerrie** have notecards to be used for writing thank you notes to recent donors to the calendar fundraiser. **Barbara, Maggie, Jenn,** and **Esther** will share the list of donors and write the notes.

To create stationery for Riverwalk, we will run an art contest with three cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Jenn will combine the fund request for the contest prize money with a request for funds to provide the recreation department with installation and removal tools for the kayak launch.

A motion to request \$375 from the Riverwalk account was made by Jon, seconded by Kerrie, and accepted unanimously by role call vote.

- H. Adjourn — Motion to adjourn was made at 6:48 by David, seconded by Stacey, accepted unanimously by role call vote.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, September 23, 2021, 6:00pm.

—Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner