

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 28, 2022

City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room and remote attendance

ROCHESTER, NH 03967

MEMBERS PRESENT – Jon Batson (remote), Kerrie Landry, Maggie McConaghy, Barbara Murphy (remote), Trish Prescott, Stacey Purslow, Esther Turner (remote), David Walker

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Jennifer Marsh (City Staff Contact; Assistant Director, Economic Development), Brian Hettrick of the Sunshine Initiative. ABSENT - Peter Bruckner

A. CALL TO ORDER — David called the meeting to order at 6:00.

B. APPROVAL —

Motion to accept the minutes of regular meeting June 23, 2022, was made by Jon, seconded by Maggie, and approved by all.

C. DISCUSSION — **Grants sub-committee and updates**

The Grants sub-committee met the day before. **Trish** and **Maggie** will work together to identify and implement an improved tool for displaying the timeline and tracking the funding and the Riverwalk projects/phases. **Brian** is facilitating the coordination and communication with Strafford Regional Planning and other agencies contributing to the vitality of the City. It was recommended that partners and potential partners with Riverwalk be requested and noted. [Jenn will contact Kyle Pimental to see if he would address our group.](#) The quality and status of the Cocheco River (watershed management plan) was identified as a key component of committee work. **Jon** reported on the work of the Cocheco River Local Advisory Committee. **Jenn** and others are going to Rochester Historical society next Thursday to gather information as the Riverwalk story is developed. The goal is to develop a story map for the Cocheco River. Instagram was suggested as an effective way of getting knowledge of Riverwalk out. [Trish will check what Community Engagement offerings are available through the Extension for the Riverwalk.](#)

D. DISCUSSION — **Committee contact list**

Members shared their preferred phone number for contact with other committee members **Jenn** will distribute the list.

F. DISCUSSION —.

Events calendar

Jenn is creating a calendar of our community events, including Pride Day and Porchfest.

National Night Out – August 2nd

The committee is not hosting a table. However members plan to talk up the Riverwalk while attending.

Riverwalk banner

The banner has the name of the committee but does not yet have the logo. The logo will be added.

H. DISCUSSION — **Other**

Barb will be getting the Riverwalk brochures into the local real estate offices.

Downtowns & Trails is operating in Keene, Ossipee, and Bristol.

[Get video, maybe drone footage, of the Cocheco.](#)

Benevity fund is an opportunity for funds for a small project such as benches.

Consider having a Riverwalk clean-up event. Contact Parks & Recreation to get that rolling.

There is some excitement over the potential for an amphitheater downtown.

Keep alert for used bridges.

Press for a clean-up of the invasive weedy plants and trees that are blocking the view of the river along the downtown banks.

I. Adjourn — Motion to adjourn was made at 7:05 by Kerry, seconded by Trish, accepted unanimously.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, August 25, 2022, 6:00pm. —Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner