

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 25, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING: Remote phone conference session via Microsoft Teams

ROCHESTER, NH 03967

MEMBERS PRESENT –

Jon Batson, Peter Bruckner, Kerrie Landry, Maggie McConaghy, Suzie Mills, Barbara Murphy, Stacey Purslow, Esther Turner, David Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT – Ray Felts

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Jennifer Marsh (City Staff Contact)

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 6:01 and conducted a roll call attendance.

B. APPROVAL –

a. Motion to accept the minutes of January 28, 2021, by Jon, second by Barbara, and approved by roll call unanimously.

C. DISCUSSION – Potential grants and funding opportunities

Barb reported that the Strafford County Board of Realtors has not met since Riverwalk last met.

D. DISCUSSION – Update on potential projects

Overlook – Peter noted he is still working on the project. He will be reaching out to DPW to see if there is an engineer that can assist him. He is currently looking at a precast installation.

Barb is continuing to work the plan for the NAR pocket park.

E. DISCUSSION – Kayak Launch Event – May 15 or later,

Stacey, Barb, Kerrie, and **Peter** will develop the plan for this event.

DISCUSSION – Fund-raising and awareness-raising

- An event this summer with a naturalist, perhaps partnering with the Cooperative Extension
- Riverwalk dinners, coordinated with other pedestrian events
- A calendar with daily pay-outs for the month of June or July
- Table at community events, raffle

F. DISCUSSION – March meeting guests – historic mapping and publicity opportunities

In March meeting guests will be Nicolette Womack from Planning and Development and Matt Wyatt from Public Information and Community Engagement.

G. Other

Peter suggested considering how to get boaters on the Cocheco pulling up downtown to get food from the downtown eateries.

Jon reminded the committee of the big rubber duckie that was part of a river event some years back. **Jenn** will check with the organizers and see what brought the duck event to a close.

Peter suggested developing a boating event similar to the dragon boat race or an event racing model boats. It would be helpful to have a reasonable estimate of the speed of the river current for planning.

Jon continues to serve Cocheco River Local Advisory Committee as one interested in river management.

H. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:45 by Peter, second by Suzie, and roll call vote unanimously in favor.

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

—Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner
with the able assistance of Jenn Marsh