



## **Minutes For The 4/15/19 Meeting**

Present: Joe Deighan, Misty Ryder, Joy Gagnon, Ash Fischbein, Phil Villari, Matt Trahan, Ali Hayford

Regrets: Pat Jones

Guest: Benoit Lamontagne: NH Div. of Economic Development, Geoffrey Sewake: UNH Co-Op Extension, Jamie McKinnon: Ossipee Tailor Shop, Lindsay Burkette: OCC, Ann Adjutant: OCC, Craig Brady: Ossipee Recreation Dept.

Called to order at 6:00

Next meeting will be May 13th

### **Updates**

Budget increase in FY 2019 to \$5000 mainly to pursue a planning program through UNH Co-Op Extension to identify the intersection natural resources and village centers and how to leverage them.

### **Old Business**

#### **UNH Co-Op / Downtowns & Trails**

Geoffrey Sewake from the UNH Co-Op Extension presented his organizations programs and answered questions by the Council as a follow-up to the November meeting, along with Benoit Lamontagne. Discussion centered around how to identify specific projects to pursue with grant, town, state and federal funding. The group agreed the “Downtown’s & Trails” Program was most applicable. It focuses on identifying the intersection of natural resources and village centers and how to leverage them for local and tourist use through data collection, community engagement and planning. The group agreed that the existing rail corridor through the three villages was an ideal target. A well planned and integrated trail connecting the three villages would provide easy transportation and attraction for locals and visitors alike for walking or biking and provide potential to draw attention to the natural and cultural history of the town. There was also discussion of the potential to connect both north and south to existing trail systems in Wolfeboro/Wakefield and Madison/Conway as well as East on Rt. 25 to Constitution Park.

Benoit discussed the process of taking steps towards identifying the opportunities as wells as needs, desires and capacity of the town to pursue such projects. Then he went over the path from planning to funding through various programs at the State and Federal level.

Matt and Phil volunteered to continue their work on researching the viability of a rail trail and be the contacts for the project with Geoff.

Joy motioned to expend \$3000 to pursue the Downtown and Rails Program from UNH Co-Op Extension. Ali seconded. All in favor.

### **Playground**

Ali met with the Game Time representative Travis about their proposal for a playground. Their plans focused on a zip line and a multi-age playground. Ash will meet with Jill from (\_\_\_\_)? prior to the May meeting, which Jill will also attend to present to the group. Craig will have additional plans from another company that he has worked with in the past.

### **New Business**

Phil proposed changing the date of the meetings from the 3rd Monday to the 2nd Monday to avoid conflicting with Holidays and Town Meeting. Phil made the motion to change the Date and Joy seconded. All in favor.

Matt motioned to adjourn at 7:59PM. Ali seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Trahan, Secretary