



Minutes For The 8/12/19 Meeting

Present: Misty Ryder, Ash Fischbein, Phil Villari, Matt Trahan, Joy Gagnon, Ali Hayford, Pat Jones

Regrets: Joe Deighan

Guests: Roland Millette OUR & OCC Dean Robertson OCC President

Called to order at 6:02

Next meeting will be September 9th

Minutes

June's minutes were not approved at the July meeting. Ash asked for a motion to approve. Matt motioned. Matt motioned and Phil seconded. All in favor.

Phil motioned to approve July's minutes. Joy seconded. All in favor.

Updates

The EDC budget for the rest of the year is \$1604. Ash asked members to be thinking about ideas and projects that will potentially impact the budget for the next meeting as October is the start of budget season. Similarly the board will need to finalize any Warrant articles by the end of the year.

Roundtable Update:

There is interest in putting on "Grand Openings" or "Re-Grand Openings" to highlight new and existing businesses in town. There was discussion on the EDC's role in promoting or potentially organizing an event like that. Discussion was tabled to next meeting.

The Library is working on creating “New Resident” packages to introduce new residents to all the businesses and town services available. There was interest by the EDC board to partner and fund some of the project. Misty will talk to Kellie Skehan about the average number of new residents and how to contact them.

The next Ossipee United Round Table meeting is: Location: TBD

Old Business

Property Tax Incentive:

Joe contacted DRA about the procedure for a Town to process a request under the newly adopted tax incentive. They responded that since the law is new and they don't have much experience yet, they couldn't give a good answer and were interested in how we moved forward. The consensus by the board was that we needed to see what the few other towns that have adopted the RSA are doing and develop our own procedure to recommend to the Selectmen.

Rail Trail Update

The Steering Committee is meeting every two weeks and is about to begin training for the “Key Informant Interviews” and “Trail Assessment” portions of the grant. Matt has continued to be in touch with DOT and the Trails Bureau to understand the political and legal issues. There is a possibility that Trails Bureau Director Chris Gamache will be able to come to our September or October meeting.

Sidewalks

The board is deeply concerned with the lack of momentum and seeming disorganization on the sidewalk project. The test light has been non-functional since its installation and easement letters are only going out now.

Phil motioned for Joe and Joy to be nominated to a “Sidewalk Subcommittee” tasked with keeping in regular contact with the Selectmen and Highway Dept. Misty seconded. All in favor.

The board concluded that it's primary concerns for Joe and Joy to communicate were:

- 1.) How does the Town plan to have the sidewalks completed for the beginning of the school year to ensure safe passage for children?
- 2.) What is the current budget status of the project given the changes to the original plan (removing the section of sidewalk in front of the school.)?

3.) Pushing for fewer, higher quality lights and seeking funding in future years to add on.

Playground

Ash detailed an agenda for next week's Playground Community build. That document is attached for reference. The Playground Subcommittee was successful in getting many things donated including concrete, shrubbery, etc.

Many more volunteers are required for the build over Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Ash encouraged all board members to volunteer if possible and pass along the word. The volunteer sign up sheet is located at:

<http://www.ossipeedevelopment.com/signupform.html>

Misty will begin looking for quotes on a sign.

Guests Roland Milette and Dean Robertson, Ossipee Concerned Citizens.

Ossipee Concerned Citizens is looking for help with putting on the 4th of July Parade. They would be open to handing off the project or utilizing more volunteers assistance. They have a standard operating procedure checklist and they typically begin organizing in May. They currently manage the project with 4-6 people. They wanted to ask the EDC first but had also considered Old Home Week and Main Street.

After some discussion the board concluded that it might not be in their purview or capacity to take full control of the project but tabled the discussion to a future meeting. The possibility was brought up of contributing volunteers or taking a smaller portion on to assist OCC.

Joy made a motion to adjourn at 7:39. Misty seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Trahan, Secretary