



Minutes For The 9/9/19 Meeting

Present: Pat Jones, Joe Deighan, Ali Hayford, Joy Gagnon, Misy Ryder, Matt Trahan

Regrets: Ash Fischbein

Guests: Tim Thompson, Roland Milette - OCC, Craig Brady, Rec. Dept.

Called to order at 6:02

Next meeting is TBD due holidays.

Minutes

Joe suggested a change to the minutes to acknowledge he was present at the 8/12 meeting.

Ali suggested a change to the minutes regarding who is responsible for sourcing the quotes for the Playground Sign. The minutes read that Misty was taking on that project but it should be Ali.

Motioned to approve with the suggested changes by Ali and seconded by Misty. All in favor.

Updates

Bills

Approve Personal Playground Reimbursement Payments -

There were several miscellaneous expenses incurred by members of the board during the community build of the playground.

Ash for \$42.50

Ali for \$69.68

Receipts have been submitted.

The Town will also be receiving a bill from Pottie Patrol for the Port-a-Pottie for \$105 and that expense will need to be approved.

Matt motioned to approve the reimbursements and approve the Pottie Patrol payment. Misty seconded. All in favor.

Roundtable

The Ossipee United Roundtable will be holding its large, quarterly meeting on 9/14 from 9AM to 11AM at the Ossipee Town Hall. It is a potluck breakfast and local organizations wishing to present will be allowed 5-10 minute slots to showcase what they do and what they need help with.

Master Plan

Matt will reach out to Tim Otterbach of the Planning Board who is responsible for putting the Master Plan together and ask him to attend one of our meetings to talk about the process, what he is looking for from the EDC and how we may be able to assist.

ERZ and Tax Incentive Letter

Joe has made progress in researching the two programs and will have a new draft of the letter by the next meeting.

Rail Trail

Matt updated the group on the progress with the Downtowns and Trails program. There are only a few meetings left for the steering committee and the next steps will be GPS-located assessments of the existing trail, opportunities, liabilities and features of the potential sites as well as an interview process.

Matt requested that the EDC members participate in the Interview Process and will send information on that program out by email.

The Committee is still waiting to hear from Trails Bureau Director Chris Gamache about the updates to the legal environment around rail-to-trail conversions.

Playground

The group agreed that the process, community build and general support and excitement from the Town and residents has been extremely positive.

There was discussion around the responsibility of OCC for unattended children that are

not part of the day-care program. Roland Milette, a board member for OCC indicated that the OCC Daycare is not responsible for unattended children. There was some discussion around the ongoing maintenance and management of the park but it was determined that the Town Recreation Department has those responsibilities. The group agreed to have a future meeting to assess the Park's impact and brainstorm new ideas for expansion.

Ali received a quote from Sign One for \$300 for the new Playground welcome sign. We will need to find someone to do the installation. Ali will go to a selectmen meeting to get clarification about the process if there are any approvals or regulations around town signage. The subject of a community announcement board was brought up. Craig indicated he could get reasonable quotes for those types of structures and would be fine managing the postings.

Once we have approval for the sign and the total cost, Pat will write a check from the Main Street fundraiser directly to the Recreation Department and Craig will oversee the installation of the sign.

Pump Track

Craig offered up the idea of a pump track for mountain biking either at the existing playground location or at other, future sites. The group agreed that this would be a good project to consider, given the low-cost, existence of mountain biking and future Rail Trail.

While discussing the idea for the Pump Track and potential expansion of the Center Ossipee Playground and other future parks, the idea was suggested to have Craig increase the line item in his budget for Parks or to create a Capital Reserve Fund for building and expanding parks. Then the EDC could advocate for the funding and provide community engagement, studies, and other resources to help move projects along.

Warrant Articles

The group did not have any projects to put forward officially yet but Matt indicated he would have some suggestions for studies and by the next meeting for consideration. Craig offered the idea of a Needs Assessment by UNH Co-Op Extension and gave the example of Wakefield recently conducting one.

New Resident Program

Misty said she spoke to Kelly Skehan, Tax Collector at the Town Hall about tracking new residents. Kelly said they don't currently do that but could potentially. The group decided that using car registrations as a proxy would be the best estimate of numbers

and way to reach as many residents as possible not just property owners. Misty will reconnect with Kelly.

Sidewalk Lights

Joe indicated that he measured the test light and the luminosity was less than desirable from a safety standpoint. The cone of light extended only to a 25-foot diameter. He also brought up the concern about the length of time the light is set to run for and how that would impact battery life. The issue is complicated by the resignation of Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, who was in charge of the project. The group decided to wait and see what happens next to proceed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Trahan, Secretary