

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 4, 2018

CITY HALL ANNEX, COCHECO ROOM
33 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT –

Jon Batson, Donna Bogan, Ray Felts, Stacey Marchionni, Esther Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT –Peter Bruckner, Sandy Keans, Andrea Lemire, David Walker

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Julian Long

A. CALL TO ORDER-Stacey called the meeting to order at 5:57.

B. APPROVAL - Minutes of October 16, 2018

Esther made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Ray seconded, unanimous approval.

C. DISCUSSION-

a. Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant update

The measurements and photographs Esther took on Thanksgiving weekend provide a rough idea of the configuration of the crossing over the ditch between the rail trail and the northern bank of Heath Brook. Stacey is seeking expert cost estimates and will notify Alexis at NH Bureau of Trails that we need cost estimators.

b. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) opportunity

Esther will draft the grant application while Stacey obtains costing for the handicapped-accessible paddle launch at Hillsdale. The deadline for submission is Thursday December 13th. Julian recommended that as cost estimates are prepared, the Davis-Bacon Act and its requirements on labor rates for any project over \$2,000 be factored in.

c. Rotary grant opportunity

Riverwalk is joining with the Design Committee of Rochester Main Street in their request for funds for a percussion park downtown. Stacey is recommending that it be sited on the sliver of park near the old Foster's Building.

d. Other projects to pursue

Outdoor classrooms in clearings where students can gather along the Riverwalk must have some measure of confidence that there would not be an overlap with transients living outdoors and using the woods for toileting or with addicts leaving drug paraphernalia and needles.

The classrooms would be on public property. The school department needs to be consulted regarding what is required for these to be useful and usable. The Maple Street Magnet School is eager to engage with this type of project.

Security cameras are becoming more important as the City develops its parks and creates improvements that may be targeted by vandals. As projects are planned, include security cameras in the budgets.

ADJOURN – A motion to adjourn was made by Ray, second by Donna, and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Next meeting will be held on

Tuesday, January 8, from 5:30-6:30 pm – City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room, 33 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH

Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner