

## ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

31 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT – Stacey Marchionni, Donna Bogan, Ray Felts, Peter Bruckner, Andrea Lemire, Molly Meulenbroek, Corey MacKoul, Jenn Marsh, Michelle Mears, Sandra Keans (arrived at 6:15),

MEMBERS ABSENT – Andrea Lemire, Dave Walker

OTHERS Present – Mike Provost, Rochester Main Street; Alexa Gozdiff, Strafford Regional Planning; Tracy Sales, DES; Olivia Lapolla, Mayor's Intern

- A. CALL TO ORDER – Chair, Stacey Marchionni called the meeting to order at 5:02pm. Attendance was taken.
- B. APPROVAL - Minutes of January 17th meeting were approved by Peter Bruckner, second by Donna Bogan.
- C. DISCUSSION – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES GUEST, TRACY SALES – One of our questions regarding water boundaries was clarified by Tracy. She advised us that boundaries are described in the property deed. The water is public, while the land underneath is privately owned. In order to construct any boardwalks or bump outs we would need approval from property owners along with shore land and wetland permits from the State. Shore land permits are typically approved within thirty days; wetland permits thirty to ninety days. Certain areas in Rochester are exempt from shore land permits.  
Tracy suggested we contact the Public Waters Access Advisory Board which is a committee staffed by Fish and Game. They help motivate projects like boat launches, fishing piers, etc. They would be a good advocate for our project. She also suggested we have a pre-permit meeting with DES. They will walk us through what is needed.  
A question was raised on if we would need to contact property owners every year to clean up their river area. It was suggested that a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) be sent to property owners stating that cleanup is for a five year period, providing property ownership doesn't change.  
Tracy also informed us of the Rivers Management and Protection Program which was formed in 1988. Rivers are not automatically included; must be officially designated by the State. She suggested we form a multi-town advisory committee. Committee nominees are submitted to DES for appointment. This would provide State resources and walk us through what and how to do.
- D. DISCUSSION – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – Tabled for next meeting.
- E. DISCUSSION – FISH AND GAME UPDATE – Tracy suggested we contact Garrett Graaskamp to assist us with constructing and funding of a handicap fishing pier.

- F. DISCUSSION – SPRING CLEAN UP – Rochester Main Street’s cleanup day is on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30-12:00 with lunch provided for volunteers at the Community Center from noon to 1:30. Online registration is available. During this event, three pet waste stations will be installed. One in Central Square, one on North Main and one at Foster’s building area. It was suggested that they also be placed in the Pines and Duval Park. Several members of the Riverwalk Committee will be volunteering.

DISCUSSION – CIERA ROY – is the SHS and Economic Development Intern. She will attend our next meeting and provide input on what the students would like to see added at Hanson Pines.

- G. DISCUSSION – REVIEW MASTER PLAN – PHASING – CLD would charge \$2500 to revise the budget numbers from the 2007 Master plan; \$5000 for minor changes and \$15000 for bridge study. Mike stated that Bank of NH is interested in providing some funding. Council would need to approve all corporate or grant monies. He also suggested Ernie Shipman be contacted to construct a “Proposed Riverwalk” sign that could also be added to the City’s Way finding. Logo needs to be approved.

Phase 1 – Hanson Pines – upgrading paths, taking out roots, maintain flat, natural paths. Ray would provide mulch from Urban Tree. DPW will be contacted regarding boat ramp and parking at Dewy or base of Hillsdale. All members are in agreement that a parking lot is needed. Lot could be buffered with foliage.

Homework for next meeting is to go through master plan carefully as this will be discussed in detail at next meeting. John Storer and Owen Friend-Gray will be invited to next meeting.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Donna Bogan, second by Sandy Keans. Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 5:00pm – City Council Chambers, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH

Respectfully submitted by Donna Bogan