

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

NOVEMBER 1, 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

31 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Stacey Marchionni – Chair

Donna Bogan

Sandy Keans

Dave Walker

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Michelle Mears, Planning Department; Cory MacKoul, Molly Meulenbroek, Owen Friend-Gray, DPW; Jenn Marsh, Economic Development

- A. CALL TO ORDER – Chairwoman Stacey Marchionni called the meeting to order at 5:05PM. Attendance was taken.
- B. APPROVAL – A motion was made by Sandy Keans and seconded by Donna Bogan to approve the minutes of the October 18th meeting.
- C. DISCUSSION – Review of Property Abutters – Owen provided a map of the entire project. He will be revising the map to include highlighting City owned property as well as the private property we will be looking to work with. Dave will provide committee with the discussions from the previous committee as to what property owners were contacted, and which were amenable to discussions. He will also give addresses to Owen to include on his map.

It was noted that the red area around map is a very wet area that we would need to go around or use boardwalks to navigate. Owen advised that an outfall would be needed where the storm water falls from downtown. It was discussed whether or not to fix current or move outfall to a new location.

Much discussion was centered on the Intervale, a City owned property consisting of approximately 10 acres. We discussed plans of having a dock for boats and fishing. Rose Marie Rogers spoke with Stacey about incorporating a handicapped accessible fishing pier into the Riverwalk. She serves on the Fish and Game Commission and advised that federal money would likely be available for the project. She is invited to attend the next meeting. Stacey asked Owen how to continue discussion with DPW on use of Intervale. Owen stated that this meeting serves as DPW being formally notified that the parcel is desired for Riverwalk project.

Owen also advised that whatever we do has to be in the 100 year plan. Owen will keep committed updated on what is happening with City owned parcels.

Dave advised that there are three privately owned properties that the proposed walk would go through to get to the Fairgrounds and over to Intervale. One property is for sale.

We looked at the Bradenton FL Riverwalk for ideas, such as what kind of walkways, pocket parks, boardwalk, etc. We concurred that the type of materials used will be adjusted to the landscape, i.e. gravel, natural, stone.

Dave and Owen suggested we focus on Hanson Pines as it would be high impact and low cost. 90 North Main St. would be high priority with something spectacular such as an amphitheater, but would also be high cost.

- D. DISCUSSION – ZBA Application for 90 North Main – It was agreed that a formal inquiry be submitted. Sandy made a motion to write a letter to ZBA of non-support of variance application for 90 North Main, second by Donna Bogan; Four in favor, Zero opposed.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Next meeting will be a walking tour on Saturday, November 5th at 8:00am. We will meet at the pool area of Hanson Pines.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Bogan