

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 20, 2018

CITY HALL ANNEX, COCHECO ROOM

33 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT – Stacey Marchionni, Dave Walker, Esther Turner, Peter Bruckner, Molly Meulenbroek

MEMBERS ABSENT –Andrea Lemire, Donna Bogan, Sandy Keans, Ray Felts

OTHERS Present –Jenn Marsh; John Batson, Sheila Lulek

- A. Stacey called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.
- B. APPROVAL - Minutes of February 6, 2018. Dave made a motion to approve minutes as is, Molly seconded.
- C. DISCUSSION- Grants

The group went around and talked about grants that they researched.

Molly – TD Bank grant: They prefer to give grants for programming and the priority is economic development and community. Deadline is March/June/December.

Molly- LCHIP: the Riverwalk is eligible. This can be used for the acquisition of properties if the sellers are willing. Matching 50%, opens May 1<sup>st</sup>, LOI by May 18<sup>th</sup> and final applications due on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Someone must attend a workshop and ranges from a few thousand to \$350,000.

Discussion was held that this might be a good 2019 grant option.

Esther- Recreational Trails: the application window is not yet established however it was around this time last year and closed June 23rd. Ranges from \$8000-\$80,000 and is a 20% match.

Reimbursement takes place once the pledge is spent. Need to report expenditures monthly.

Eligible projects are maintenance, restoration, purchase of equipment. The group discussed that this might be a good match for the bridge over Heath Brook and a possibility for this year.

The group talked about fund raising projects that would need to take place in order to meet the matching requirements. There will be a sub-committee formed to work on the Riverwalk Dinners that will now be a part of the Riverwalk Committee. John, Molly, Jenn and Stacey will be on this sub-committee.

Another idea for a fundraiser brought up by Peter was a way to get people on the river. An idea of having people launch kayaks and canoes at Club Victorie or off from Hillsdale and make their way to a designated lunch spot and then return to the launch to take boats out of the water. Esther and Peter will be on the sub-committee and possibly Ray with his knowledge of the river.

Discussion was held about the recreational trails grant and that it would be a good fit for this year. Stacey and Esther will look into earlier applications and research what would need to be done to apply.

Stacey- TAP grant: this is a bi-annual grant up to \$800,000. The application is due in 2018 and funding in 2019. LOI needs to be sent in the spring and the application is due in September with awards being revealed in Nov/Dec.

Jenn mentioned that SCRP and Waterstone want to be a part of this conversation to see if we can go in together.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Dave Walker, second by Esther Turner. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 pm – City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room, 33 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH

Respectfully submitted by Jenn Marsh