

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 7, 2018

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

MEMBERS PRESENT – Peter Bruckner, Ray Felts, Andrea Lemire, Stacey Marchionni, Esther Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT – Jon Batson, Donna Bogan, Sandy Keans, Molly Meulenbroek, David Walker

OTHERS Present – Rodney Woodill

A. CALL TO ORDER-Stacey called the meeting to order at 5:44.

B. APPROVAL - Minutes of June 19, 2018

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

C. DISCUSSION-Riverwalk dinner dates

The committee agreed to have one dinner in September, on Wednesday, September 19, from 5:30 to 7:00 on the Riverwalk along the Cocheco adjacent to the lot that was previously occupied by Fosters. The target price for a ticket to the dinner is \$25.00 and will include a dinner that is prepared on site. Assuming a musician can be found that is willing to donate time or has a donor to pay, music will be part of the dinner. Ray Felts will investigate finding the tables and chairs donated for the event. Stacey will find the restaurant to donate the food service. The provision of a cash bar will be investigated.

Stacey will work on the publicity: the creation of an announcement flyer, a link from the city's website to the Riverwalk facebook, e-blasts from the Chamber of Commerce, Rochester Main Street, a press release to Foster's, publicity posters, and whatever opportunity may exist with WMUR and NHPR.

D. DISCUSSION-Grant applications

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant has been submitted and accepted for committee review. New Hampshire Bureau of Trails has sufficient money to fund all the grant applications that were submitted in the non-motorized category this round. That does not mean that our application will be funded; it means that, if it fits the criteria and has merit, the funds are there for it. We must find a suitable used bridge.

Andrea, Stacey, and Esther will meet at noon, Thursday, August 9, at Revolution Taproom & Grill to consider putting together a grant application for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) which is due in September.

E. DISCUSSION-Petition on Hillsdale/Pink Streets

The petition submitted to the city council was circulated for members to read. The committee discussed the concerns expressed in the petition, how these can be addressed, and why the site at the end of Hillsdale Street is the most suitable site for a paddler's handicapped-accessible launch. Stacey issued an invitation to the petitioners through one of the petitioners for any resident of the area or interested parties to attend the Riverwalk Committee meetings.

ADJOURN – A motion to adjourn was made by Peter, second by Andrea, and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 21 from 5:30-6:30 pm –
City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room, 33 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH

Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner