

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 25, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING: Remote phone conference session via Microsoft Teams  
ROCHESTER, NH 03967

MEMBERS PRESENT –

Jon Batson, Peter Bruckner, Kerrie Landry, Maggie McConaghy, Suzie Mills, Barbara Murphy, Stacey Purslow, Esther Turner, David Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT – Ray Felts

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Jennifer Marsh (City Staff Contact; Assistant Director, Economic Development), Molly Meulenbroek (Chair, Historic District Commission), Matt Wyatt (Manager, Public Information & Community Engagement)

Preamble for City Meetings during COVID-19

David Walker read the preamble detailing the rules under which the meeting is conducted during the pandemic.

A. CALL TO ORDER — David called the meeting to order at 6:01 and conducted a roll call attendance.

B. APPROVAL —

Motion to accept the minutes of February 25, 2021, amended with a correction, by Jon, second by Barbara, and approved by roll call unanimously.

C. DISCUSSION — Historic mapping

**Molly** and **Matt** presented the Virtual Historic Map found on the City of Rochester web page. Riverwalk Committee members and others with historic information were invited to provide photographs and context.

D. DISCUSSION — Publicity ideas

**Matt** showed the News & Events page of the city web site. He encouraged members to provide a paragraph or two with some quotes on any event or issue of interest. Members expressed interest in education about the trees and plant species in Dominicus Hanson Park, the role the river has played in the city's development, the history of indigenous people in Rochester, information about the factory that was associated with the upper dam, and the geographic definition of the intervalle.

E. DISCUSSION — Fund-raising/events update

The committee met on March 18 and will meet next on April 14.

- Developing July calendar  
Members are asked to pick 5 contacts to ask for donations.  
**Jenn** will send out the information. Respond to **Barbara**.
- Kayak launch on June 12 (June 19 rain date)  
Planning includes selling calendars, raffling an inflatable kayak, producing a map of river to hand out (**Peter**), guided kayak tours, and local business swag.
- Porchfest presence  
Staff an information table and raffle a kayak.
- Fall dinner  
Catering for the event is already in the works.

If the vaccination program continues as expected, city events may be expected to resume in July.

F. DISCUSSION — Potential projects update

**Peter** has found that the overlook will not be a prefab. He is discussing the logistics of its construction with others.

A river crossing at Wyandotte may be feasible before long.

**David** suggested that Riverwalk prepare an infrastructure project for funding that may become available.

G. DISCUSSION — NAR and TAP grant updates

**Barbara** will present the Hanson Pines project to the Strafford County Board of Realtors next week. The current TAP round will be used by the City of Rochester for sidewalks. Riverwalk should prepare a proposal for the following round.

H. Other

There were no additional topics.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:56 by Jon, second by David, and roll call vote unanimously in favor.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, April 22, 2021, 6:00pm.

—Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner