

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 23, 2021
City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room and remote attendance
ROCHESTER, NH 03967

MEMBERS PRESENT – Jon Batson (remote), Peter Bruckner, Ray Felts, Kerrie Landry, Maggie McConaghy, Suzie Mills, Barbara Murphy (remote), Esther Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT – Stacey Purslow, David Walker

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Jennifer Marsh (City Staff Contact; Assistant Director, Economic Development)

A. CALL TO ORDER — Peter called the meeting to order at 6:01. Peter read the rules for remote participation.

B. APPROVAL —

Motion to accept the minutes of August 26, 2021, was made by Ray, seconded by Barbara, and unanimously approved.

C. DISCUSSION — Downtown river clean-up

Rotary has revamped its focus from waterways to the cemeteries. **Jenn** will send out a notice if volunteers are needed for this October 9th event..

City building and grounds will be cleaning up the riverbanks along the Riverwalk behind the new Citizens Bank.

D. DISCUSSION — Project updates

Peter reported that the outlook at the dam will not be a fully cantilevered design. It will have some bracing to the abutment.

Jenn has feedback for the city that argues against having a roof over the top of any structures at the outdoor classrooms. The classrooms are in use in their primitive state.

The committee is interested in participating in the spring clean-up that is sponsored by Main Street and the recreation department.

Ray will look to have a flyover video of the Cocheco to locate where work is required to open up a passage for canoes and kayaks. **Jenn** will map the river.

DISCUSSION — CDBG application

Riverwalk will not be applying this year. Our application will be prepared for October, 2022.

E. DISCUSSION — Riverwalk fund

Jenn is working to devise a procedure for deposits and withdrawals that will simplify the transfers for small amounts.

F. DISCUSSION — 2022 Fundraising opportunities

Create a fund-raising calendar for July with sales in May and June.

Put together one fund-raising dinner in the fall.

At events such as Wings ‘n’ Wheels the first Saturday of June and the Kayak launch in May have raffles.

G. DISCUSSION — Other

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H. Adjourn — Motion to adjourn was made at 6:50 by Kerry, seconded by Ray, accepted unanimously.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, October 28, 2021, 6:00pm.

—Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner