

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 27, 2023

City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room and remote attendance

ROCHESTER, NH 03967

MEMBERS PRESENT –Kerrie Landry, Maggie McConaghy, Jennifer Gullison, Barbara Murphy, Esther Turner.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Brian Hettrick of Sunshine Initiative, Jennifer Marsh of Rochester Economic Development, Renée McIsaac of Rochester Planning & Development, Kimberly Adams.

ABSENT - Jon Batson, Peter Bruckner, Trish Prescott, Stacey Purslow, David Walker.

A. CALL TO ORDER — Jenn Marsh called the meeting to order at 6:05.

B. APPROVAL —

Motion to accept the minutes of regular meeting January 26, 2023, was made by Kerrie, seconded by Maggie, and approved by all.

C. DISCUSSION — **Prioritize 2023 projects/set tasks**

Priority was established as follows:

1. Overlook at upper dam downtown on Cocheco River
2. Amphitheater for outdoor performances between Wyandotte mill building and North Main Street
3. Restoration of seating in Dominicus Hanson Park, preferably using composite boards

Landscaping along the Cocheco River downtown is recommended to maintain viewing of the river. This is allowed as that section of the river is within the urban shoreland exemption area.

Participation in the Lilac Family Fun event will include informational material (maps, publicity trifold), Riverwalk banner (with logo), fish pond game (with prizes for players), and Riverwalk members (in Riverwalk tee-shirts).

- **Esther** and **Maggie** will work on assuring that the logo is a good image for print.
- **Kerrie** will look for a small pool with a game-type fishing set for children and small giveaways for prizes.
- **Jenn Marsh** will laminate the map.

An early fall dinner along the Cocheco needs a date and a plan for the meal.

Extension of the riverwalk southward from the bridge at St Elizabeth Seton requires both a boardwalk past the Fownes Mills development and farther south so that the walk does not end at the development.

Jenn Marsh will check about the availability of a location for Riverwalk to garden an Adopt-a-Spot.

D. DISCUSSION — **Grant updates**

Funding discussion:

1. Overlook estimated at \$220K
2. Amphitheater starts with design (sensitivity to acoustics) at \$40K-50K just for design
3. Dominicus Hanson Park benches estimated ~ \$1K

Funding of an update to the Riverwalk Master Plan requested within the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) budget.

Riverwalk outdoor dinner may be run in collaboration with Rochester Main Street.

TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) next application is 2025. This is the time to prepare.

D. DISCUSSION — May 16th City Council workshop update

David Walker is on the agenda to speak to city council, Tuesday, May 16, at 6:00pm. Riverwalk Committee members may join David as he informs the city council about this committee's work.

E. DISCUSSION — Other

The Waypoint event gave Riverwalk some presence as a member of this community.

To uncover opportunities to collaborate in the arts, contact Matt Wyatt.

Deputy City Manager, Chris Parker, will join the Recreation Department on an informational walk with Moreno Forestry through Dominicus Hanson Park on Thursday afternoon, May 18.

Meet at 3:00 at the kiosk.

F. Adjourn — Motion to adjourn was made at 7:02 by Kerrie, seconded by Maggie, accepted unanimously.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, May 26, 2023, 6:00pm.

—Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner