

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 22, 2019

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

MEMBERS PRESENT –

Jon Batson, Stacey Marchionni, Stacey Purslow, Esther Turner, David Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT – Donna Bogan, Peter Bruckner, Ray Felts, Susan Mills

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE –

A. CALL TO ORDER – Stacey called the meeting to order at 6:58.

B. APPROVAL –

- a. Motion to accept the minutes of June 27, 2019, by David, second by Jon, and approved unanimously.

C. DISCUSSION – Project Plans

- a. RTP Grant Update. The archeological study has yielded a preliminary result. The report will be issued once the archaeologist has completed the research to put the findings into context. Four of the ten holes were dug. We have another six which can be dug in the precise locations where the piers are needed for the boardwalk at an additional cost at \$2-5K for the data recovery.

Next step: Get an answer from the Bureau of Trails on the possibility of an extension. Then, obtain construction drawings minimizing the number of piers. These will be used for the Invitation to Bid, a 4-6 week process. Meanwhile, proceed with the submission of the Request for Project Review (RPR).

- b. Kayak Launch Update. The Department of Environmental Service long form has been completed and submitted. Once that is processed, Invitation to Bid will be sent out.

D. DISCUSSION – Outdoor Classrooms

- a. Three locations have been identified: #1 an existing site needing some repair along the paved path, #2 downstream of the pedestrian bridge requiring tree removal for safety, and #3 upstream of the pedestrian bridge. Creteau Technology Center faculty and students will work with Riverwalk on this project, organizing the process for naming the three sites and creating signage for each.

Preparation of sites #1 and #3 will be worked late in September.

E. DISCUSSION – Fundraising Campaign

- a. Ideas for major fund-raising:

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| • Fundraising letter | • Memorial benches |
| • Social media appeal | • Reference to line items in Master Plan; for example, viewing platforms at Holy Rosary land and at dam overlook, Water Street garden area |
| • On-line contributions on city website | • Publicize sponsors on literature and signage |
| • Sponsorship of specific elements | |

F. DISCUSSION – Other

- a. Increase committee membership

ADJOURN –

Motion to adjourn by David, second by Jon, and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 26**, from 6:00-7:30 pm – City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room, 33 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH

—Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner