

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 26, 2023

City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room and remote attendance

ROCHESTER, NH 03967

MEMBERS PRESENT – Peter Bruckner, Kerrie Landry, Maggie McConaghy, Barbara Murphy, Trish Prescott, Stacey Purslow, Esther Turner, David Walker.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Brian Hettrick of Sunshine Initiative, Jennifer Marsh of Rochester Economic Development, Renée McIsaac and Shanna Saunders of Rochester Planning & Development, Lauren Krans of Rochester Recreation & Arena.

ABSENT - Jon Batson.

A. CALL TO ORDER — David called the meeting to order at 6:00.

B. APPROVAL —

Motion to accept the minutes of regular meeting November 17, 2022, was made by Peter, seconded by Maggie, and approved by all.

C. DISCUSSION — **Waypoint followup**

The sleep-out is scheduled for Friday, March 24. Riverwalk participation accomplishes two goals: (1) Support and fund-raising for a good cause and (2) Engagement and visibility of Riverwalk. The sleep-out site is yet to be announced. Riverwalk could form a team, raise funds, and participate in the early part of the event, without staying for the overnight.

D. DISCUSSION — **2023 Riverwalk planning session**

Jenn Marsh listed the projects, events, and activities that Riverwalk is planning. She will organize these into a timeline for review at the February meeting. Some involve substantial money and will require grants and fund-raising. Others are virtually free.

A request for funding for an update to the Riverwalk Master Plan has already been submitted for consideration in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This would update the Riverwalk budget, improve the specificity of the work being recommended for the implementation of Riverwalk, and investigate the extension both north and south of the existing Riverwalk Master Plan.

Collaboration with other organizations was accepted as a way to generate both interest and momentum. Creation of an advisory board was advocated as a way of expanding the expertise of Riverwalk without calling on individuals to become committee members with attendance at monthly meetings.

Brian Hettrick is drafting the Riverwalk story, using the input provided.

Stacey, Maggie, and Trish are handling social media, pictures, and files.

E. DISCUSSION — **Other**

“Let It Flow” subcommittee on funding is meeting twice a month: 5:30-6:00 in-person before Riverwalk’s regular monthly meeting and 5:00-5:30 online the 2nd Thursday of the month.

F. Adjourn — Motion to adjourn was made at 7:17 by Peter, seconded by Maggie, accepted unanimously.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, February 23, 2023, 6:00pm.

—Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner