

Machias Revitalization Committee Minutes

January 13, 2017

7 a.m. Bluebird Ranch Restaurant

Attendance: Angela Fochesato, Amy Marsh, Christina Therrien, Rich Bard, Kathryn Mahon Holmes, Gail Peters, Sharon Mack, Joshua Rolfe, Vicki Boone, Sandi Malagara, Jim Whalen, Dan Gardner - Bob Berta of CountyWide entered near the end of the meeting

Public Comment: none

Reports:

Incredible Edible Grant - Angela reported that the Incredible Edible grant submitted to the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation placed 2nd out of 130 proposals. The committee will continue to look for funding.

Forestry Grant - Sandi Malagara said the Arbor Day Foundation grant will be submitted on Monday. The Green Committee will not meet until word has been received on the grant. If approved, the committee will begin refining the exact placement of trees and working with local landowners.

Banner Committee - Chairman Dan Gardner called for a meeting to be held at 7 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Station 1898 to deal with design ideas.

Riverwalk Committee - Chairman Rich Bard has a draft easement and will be presenting it to the full board along with landowners' negotiating details at the next full committee meeting, Feb. 10.

West Side Trail project - Angela will be setting a day/time for a meeting.

Faces of History - Angela

Curb Cut Committee - Christina reported that of the 8 proposed projects, only 4 will be moving forward due to a lack of time and funding. The Colonial Way/Main/Freshies entrance will be reconfigured with new crosswalk designations and "soft" curbs to allow for safe passage by pedestrians as well as room for delivery trucks; Steel Hill, MDOT is researching property lines; Elm Street, MDOT is looking at possibly opening up the curve at the Grange, taking part of the park parking lot to make a safer traffic pattern; Kennebec Road intersection, the town has no funding so Christina is asking MDOT to purchase the neighboring property to straighten the entrance next year.

Angela reported that the Bad Little Falls sign has been waiting for sign lettering at Downeast Correctional Facility for 10 months. A new painter will be sought.

Airport Committee - Christina said the final inspection of the beacon, wind sock and circle will be next Wednesday. The town is still working on tree removal and will soon hold a meeting to determine what the new terminal will contain.

Sandi Malagara asked about snow removal on town sidewalks and Christina reported there was an equipment malfunction at the last storm.

Christina said "Home of the University of Maine at Machias" will be added to the Welcome to Machias signs and several committee members said they liked the Green and White Day at local businesses.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 a.m. Next meeting: 7 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Bluebird Ranch Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Mack, Secretary