

Machias Revitalization Committee Minutes

February 17, 2017

(RESCHEDULED FROM 2/10/17 DUE TO SNOW)

7 a.m. Bluebird Ranch Restaurant

Attendance (many members sent regrets due to rescheduling and previous commitments): Angela Fochesato, Amy Marsh, Christina Therrien, Vicki Boone, Kathryn Mahon Holmes, Sandi Malagara, Sharon Mack, Bob Berta of CountyWide entered late.

Kathryn Mahon Holmes proposed a new event: Bad Little Falls Yogafest, to be held in late June, in Bad Little Falls to celebrate Summer Solstice. The event will be an annual festival, likely repeated in the fall. She is working with Samantha Smith and a number of other yoga and tai chi providers. Angela offered the resources of Healthy Acadia.

Sandi Malagara said the Green Space Grant announcements will be made March 1.

Rich Bard, unable to attend, reported to Angela that the wording for the easements for the Riverwalk is completed. The Westside Trails Committee will meet to review the documents before bringing to the full Board for review and then present to the Town for approval. Due to the nature of the contents, the committee will go into executive session at its meeting to discuss land negotiations.

Angela reported that work on the Westside Trail in the spring and she is working on Incredible Edible signage. There is a possibility of collaboration with Healthcare providers on raised garden beds and food planters placed throughout the streets of Machias with an initiative called "Food is Medicine".

Christine provided a brief update on sidewalk and other traffic issues.

Amy stated that Bangor Savings Bank is considering providing new signs for Bad Little Falls. Angela will be working with Amy on this project.

Dan Gardner was unable to attend so a Banners report was tabled.

Christine reported that the Traffic Safety Committee was turned down by the Machias Selectmen for any funding for improvement/safety projects with the exception of Steel Hill at the end of Court Street. The town is working with landowners to obtain space for a sidewalk.

Christina reported that the Airport Committee will be working on construction of the terminal and road in July. Tree removal continues.

A discussion was held about hosting a community service day to involve local groups, school groups, etc. for a workshop at O'Brien Cemetery. Angela, Christina and Machias Public Works Director Mike Schoppee will work on a plan which will include cleaning of the area, repairing and installing a safe stairway and possible resetting of some of the tipped gravestones.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 a.m. The next meeting is set for 7 a.m. Friday, March 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Mack, secretary