

**Machias Revitalization Committee minutes, June 10, 2016**

**Roll call: Larry Barker, Lisa Schaefer, Christina Therrian, Josh Rolfe, Vicki Boone, Katherine Mahon, Gail Peters, Jim Whalen, Sandi Malagara, Angela Fochesato, Amy Marsh, Tim Moffet, Bill Kitchen, Sharon Mack**

- 1. Greenspace Team: Chairman Sandi Malagara reported on preparing to plant the triangle at the intersection of Rts. 1 and 1A and donations; community forum is set for June 16 to get public input on greenspace grant.**
- 2. RH Foster update: Bill Kitchen said RH Foster is open to using the former Chamber office as an incubator location, especially a non-profit. The Office and the Chamber buildings will not be razed for at least a year. Sandi Malagara outlined her plans for a pop-up art space, gathering place in the Chamber space. Angela said she would set up a separate meeting on the pop up.**
- 3. Larry Barker of Machias Savings Bank outlined the bank's need for expansion at the rate of at least four people annually. The bank currently employs 115 people on Main Street. He said that a decision will be made about expansion options within six months. He said MSB would like to be a part of the revitalization of Main Street and if any construction or renovation takes place, it will be in the historic coastal style and include space for retail establishments.**
- 4. Christina reported that the town would continue to seek funding if available for the sidewalk project but that the project may involve rebuilding one section at a time and that the town may move forward on lighting solutions of some sort.**
- 5. Riverwalk: Tim reported that Rich Bard had obtained a draft easement for properties along the river and will be moving forward.**
- 6. Christina reported that she took the Bad Little Falls sign to Down East Correctional Facility to get painted. It will be ready some time this summer.**
- 7. Christina said she is seeking sponsors for banners for Main Street. Dan Gardner is on vacation so there was no report on status of the banners the Banners Committee were creating. Members of the committee donated funds to purchase downtown banners.**
- 8. Jim Whalen expressed his dismay that the Code Enforcement Officer had not made a personal visit to the Nash building on Main Street. He also said the town selectmen were considering a moratorium on marijuana related businesses as part of an overhaul of local ordinances dealing with trash, neglect and other issues.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Mack**