

Revitalization Committee Meeting Friday, July 22, 2016

Present: Sandi, Gail Peters, Angela, Jen, Christina Therrien, Nancy Mirman, Amy

Angela opened the meeting by having the minutes from the last meeting accepted.

Sandi gave a report on the Greenscape Canopy Committee. The triangle opposite town hall has been planted with marigolds. The flowers were donated by Court Street Nursery, and True Value. Whitney's roto-tilled the triangle and Pineo's supplied xxx. Public Works has been watering.

The public forum for the Greenscape Committee went well.

The grant for trees is being worked on. Tova will help with information on trees that can take flooding. The plan is to lobby businesses to each donate the money for one tree.

Sandi also reported that Expressions will open soon at 11 Main Street. The first square foot will be rented for \$10 and \$3 a square foot subsequently. There will be both wall space and table space. Sandi anticipates the space being open until Christmas. A 10% commission will be taken for sold items. Artists will have the opportunity to work hours in exchange for rent space. RH Foster is taking care of liability insurance which is a large chunk of money.

Angela reported that a grant was submitted to Tabitha King for monies for the Incredible Edible Art Gardens. There is an educational component that will be worked on with Axiom. Angela will contact the Master Gardeners regarding their help for the educational program.

Signage for Bad Little Falls should go up soon.

Christina reported that there is \$7500 for traffic studies. Four areas were determined to be of top concern: 1. Main/Water/Colonial street intersection, 2. Steel Hill, 3. Elm Street, and 4. Dublin St/Kennebeck Road by Tom's mini mart. A representative from each area has been asked to be on the committee. Steel Hill needs to have easements from each of the property owners. Probably there will be some steps included in the sidewalk because of the steep slope of the road. Blueberry Ford is being asked for a 15' easement across from Tom's mini mart so the existing curb can be moved back. Curbing is a problem but it's not a committee problem; it's a state problem. It was suggested that a painted walkway be put at Elm Street right as the road bends so that anyone crossing can be seen from both directions. It was also suggested that until a better solution can be found, speed bumps be put on the road. It was pointed out that this would not be a simple thing to do because Elm Street is a state road.

West Side Trail will be worked on over the winter.

It was pointed out that Portland Trails should be contacted for easement language as that is something they do all the time.

Christina reported on the Banner Committee since Dan was not there. The current thought is that bigger banners be put on the bridge and that about 50 smaller banners be purchased (\$65). A suggestion is that businesses are approached to buy one banner each. The idea is to come up with a logo that distinguishes Machias, such as the Margaretta.

The plans for the Dog Park are going well. There will be two parks, one for larger dogs and one for smaller dogs. The parks will be at Middle River Park which is fine with Downeast Conservancy as long as the Parks are maintained.

The next meeting is August 12.