

MACHIAS REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

**APRIL 13, 2018 @ 7:00 A.M.
AT BLUEBIRD RESTAURANT**

Present: Sarah Dedman, Christina Therrien, Catherine Mahon, Sandi Malagara, Ann Ball, Angela Fochesato, Jim Jackson, Kehben Grier, Nicholas Boutin, Bill Kitchen, Gail Peters

Public Comments: None

Update on River Meeting: Tora, Andy
Visioning, history

Greenspace Committee: Sandi

Meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to finalize the planting under the Project Canopy. Sandi will represent. Discover New England on April 22-24 in Cape Cod.

Signage: At the Town Office. Angela working with tidal. Machias means bad little falls. Got their name from the Indians.

Guest speaker of Ann Ball to speak on comments visioning, Machias one of 17 network communities part of Maine Street Project. Community visioning paired with the coastal community grant public meeting process. What does everyone want? What is important for the downtown? There are numerous ways to collect people's thoughts, ideas. What matter about downtown Machias, some rendering of the downtown street scapes, river walk, attend mtgs, green space. Downtown mapped – Dunkin Doughuts to the foot of college hill.

Gail – Kennebec Rd to the college hill - size of signs, incentives, start to look historic.

Catherine – R. H. Foster and Machias Savings Bank

UMM art students to do the drawings?

Kehben – not a good process for problem solving, include all groups. Christina asked how do we have problems? The way things get done in Machias seems to be through baby steps, small changes, and clear content and direction. For example the Bank Training Center was done as a project, the Crane building and Five/Dime were renovated, the training station has been completed. With the lack of funding to tackle the downtown on a large scale, it may be best to focus on individual projects.

Gail to Thank everyone.