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Toy Town Community Partnership

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109 Front Street  
Winchendon, Massachusetts 01475-1758  
Robinson Broadhurst Conference Room 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2019

4<sup>th</sup> floor meeting room

109 Front Street 01475

Participants: Leston Goodrich, Art Amenta, Cindy Boucher, Jane Lapointe, Elaine Mroz, Dave Romanowski, Tracy Murphy, Lorraine Fortugno, Joe Ladeau

Recording Secretary: Nicole Roberts

Meeting called to order at 5:19 PM

No public comments

Cindy motioned to accept the Toy Town Partnership meeting minutes with one change, "conditions leave a lot to be desired" under IGA Subcommittee updates, otherwise it was a unanimous vote.

New Business

Robert Zbikowski was our guest speaker here to talk about the upcoming Community Bulletin publication that will be in print this coming July, it will be approx. 16-20 pages, printed monthly and distributed town wide to every residence; 4200 homes and businesses.

Local businesses/groups are encouraged to advertise in the publication, advertisements are \$12.50 per column inch.

The Community Bulletin publication will be contingent upon receiving a Robinson Broadhurst Grant and getting local businesses to advertise, in order to help get the publication off the ground. The idea of the publication has received positive feedback so far.

Subcommittee Updates

**Master Plan** -has been loaded into Dropbox. MRPC will help with Master Plan; Tracy met with MRPC, they agreed to go thru volume 2 and streamline the writing style then get the Master Plan presented to the Master Plan committee and subcommittee. The articulated vision statement is missing from the

plan. We are working off an aggressive timeline. Tracy has asked the volunteers from the master plan committee to write what is missing from the plan. The Master plan and subcommittee needs to develop an implementation strategy. The goal is a finished product by October or November of 2019. Tracy has applied for another DLT grant to help with the costs.

**IGA-** Lorraine and Cindy visited Quabbin Harvest; we thought it was a good model for our town. It was determined this would not be a feasible idea for Winchendon as the Quabbin Harvest has been in business for 10 years, offering organic produce, they have about 75 families that support them, however they are still struggling. At Quabbin Harvest food does not go to waste, they have a woman that comes in and creates soups from the aging produce.

Jane suggested inviting the Community Health Network of Central Mass (CHNA) to a TTCP meeting to discuss their efforts. Jane stated according to our region, it was noted as 33% of people have noted food insecurities

TTCP is a good group to help further the efforts.

**Community Park-** Focus will be on land- development of trails, build awareness of the park. The park is an asset to economic vitality.

**American Flags-** A \$500.00 grant was received from the American Legion. This fund donated \$200.00 to Parks and Recreation for the Easter Egg Hunt.

#### **Planning and Development Updates**

**Alison Manugian-** has started with the town as a part time planning agent, focusing on planning and zoning. Nicole Roberts will now be the point of contact for all the land use and planning functions (effective July 1, with the proposed job change).

**Bike path parking lot -DPW** is starting work on path and will be getting estimate for paving the "new" area. Noel's Nursery will provide all vegetation; planting will be done in conjunction with the parking improvements. Redevelopment Authority is considering electronic signage and electric plug in stations at the site.

**Safe Routes to Schools-**Tracy is meeting with the Superintendent on April 2 to launch cooperative SRTS initiatives.

**Branding and Wayfinding-** A committee; working on new signs and branding for the town.

**Central Street Reconstruction-** Engineers are working with MassDOT on comments from the hearing held on 2/27/19. Timeline of 2021 still remains on target.

**Green Communities-** application has been submitted 3/21/19; we will get award notification late June/July. We are asking for \$189,673.00 for projects selected.

**Lincoln Ave Extension-** Brownsfield grant (s) has been applied for to assist with site assessment of 275 and 283 Lincoln Ave Ext. We are awaiting award announcements from MassDevelopment.

**Fall Festival-** over 100 vendors have signed up, we are looking for local groups to sign up as well as we are searching for volunteers! Veterans inspired area will be part of this year's festival.

**2020 Census-** It is very important that we encourage others to fill this out.

**Ongoing efforts-** Master Plan update, Permitting Guidebook, Zoning Re-write (Town Clerk has received a Robinson Broadhurst grant allowing an analysis on existing zoning; being performed by General Code), Healthy Food Access

Next meeting scheduled for 5/6/19 @ 5:15PM

Adjourn 6:47pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Roberts  
Land Use and Planning Clerk

Hester Goodrich

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