## TOY TOWN PARTNERSHIP WINCHENDON ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015 109 Front St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Robinson-Broadhurst Conference Room

Present:

Dave Romanowski, Sub-committee Chairman

Steve Haddad Ken LaBrack Pastor J. Lillie Linda Daigle

Absent:

Jane LaPointe, Don O'Neil, Kris Provost, John Deline

Documents presented at meeting:

None

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

- Review of Minutes Ken moved to accept the minutes of June 10, 2015; Steve seconded. By a vote of all aye, the minutes were approved unanimously.
- Town of Winchendon's Master Plan
  - The Economic Development Workshop for Monday, July 6, 2015 was announced. It is open to the public and an important workshop for the Town. Some committee members will be going.
- Ingleside
  - o Ingleside Acquisition
    - Linda reported she has spoken briefly a few times with the Acting Town Manager, Bernie Lynch, whenever she could to give him information each time about the Ingleside project. She hasn't had enough time to fill him in completely about the project with him being part time and his time very well filled the two days he is in Winchendon. She said he has met already with the Headmaster at The Winchendon School though that meeting wasn't specific about Ingleside. Also she learned he took a ride down to the property already so this project is on his mind.
    - A discussion about the possible use of Chapter 90 funds for an engineering study was discussed. Dave/Linda would reach out to John Deline for guidance on funds for the work and the timeline and processes associated as well as design work for cross walks. With Chapter 90 funds, the town fronts the money and then is reimbursed by the state. With the situation the town is in with the deficit legislation, this needs to be addressed with the Acting Town Manager as well.
    - TIP grants for the project were briefly discussed and would be talked about with John Deline. The committee can help with the paperwork.
    - The Winchendon School Board of Trustees has agreed to the potential proposal of selling the property for \$1.00 to the Town in exchange for some crosswalk work done at the School (designed by John Deline, funded by the School and work completed by the Highway Dept. estimated to be a 4/5 day

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project) and also the intersection of Hall Road/Glenallen St. be restructured for safety issues.)

- o Robinson-Broadhurst Grants Linda reported that \$4,000 of the 2014 grant was approved by Lad McKenzie of the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation for the Fall Festival 2015.
- Community Outreach
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    - Summer Solstice feedback Not addressed.
    - Community Building Not addressed.
    - Second Annual Community Forum Not addressed.
- Fall Festival at Ingleside Sept. 2015
  - o Theme "Come Together for the Toy Town of Tomorrow"
  - o Linda announced that Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation approved using \$4,000 of the 2014 grant to fund the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Festival at Ingleside.
  - O Discussion around getting a large banner to hang across the road was discussed. Dave thought Staples did this for a reasonable cost. Also the Kiwanis puts one up every year for the Chili Cook Off. Steve would check with the Kiwanis regarding information on a banner for our Fall Festival and how to hang it.
  - Don handled the pie contest last year and would be asked to do so again this year.
     The idea to open up the contest to different types of pies was discussed. The thought was to have it still apple pie for the contest but open to other desserts for the auction.
  - o Prizes were talked about with \$300 being dispensed last year in either cash or prizes.
  - o Bob Betourney would be asked again this year to be the dessert auctioneer.
  - o The pumpkin carving contest was briefly discussed with the intention to have it again this year.
  - Music for the event was discussed. The Beatles group we had hoped to get is too expensive. Dave is to check if Big Random was available to donate their time at the event.
  - Kiwanis would be our sole main food vendor.
  - Vendor fees for non-profits was discussed with the issue of not charging them the \$35 fee. Last year, we did collect from non-profits.
  - o Sponsors may be sought out to help with the cost of the event.
  - We need to inquire with John Deline regarding mowing the fields for the event, the hayrides and about his wife, Michelle, being involved in the Amazing Race this year.
  - o An Action List would need to be created.
- Social Media It was mentioned to inquire with Don about updating the Facebook page.
- Website not addressed.
- New Business NA
- Old Business NA
- Correspondence NA
- --- Public Comment NA
- Adjournment Ken moved to adjourn; Steve seconded. By a vote of all aye, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting would be in two weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daigle Recorder