

**TOY TOWN PARTNERSHIP
WINCHENDON ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015
109 Front St., 4th Floor Robinson-Broadhurst Conference Room**

Present:	Dave Romanowski, WEC Sub-committee Chairman Jane LaPointe Pastor J. Lillie John Deline	Linda Daigle Kris Provost
Absent:	Don O'Neil, Ken LaBrack, Steve Haddad	

Documents presented at meeting:

- Winchendon Master Plan Vision Session Facilitator Training/Suggestions 4/13/15
- Minutes of 4/8/15

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Review of Minutes –

- Pastor J had a correction to the minutes saying on Page 3 he said he reached out to the three members of GALA not has reached out to them three times. He moved to approve with the amendment; Deline seconded. Vote of all aye to approve.

Town of Winchendon's Master Plan

- Vision Session Public Hearing Tuesday, April 28, 2015 Update - Dave has a request from the MP Committee for WEC to donate bottled water for the Vision Session to be held on April 28th. This is in keeping with our outreach initiatives. Jane moved to approve; John second. Vote of all aye to approve.
- Linda asked if someone could fill her spot as a facilitator on the Land Use section as she will not be able to make this session with her work responsibilities. It was also recommended that a 2nd townsperson be added to the Open Space facilitation team. Pastor J volunteered to be moved from his session because there are already four people assigned to Natural and Cultural Resources . The Planning Agent will be contacted by Jane to rearrange facilitators.
- Dave and Jane updated the Committee on the format of the Vision Session. The facilitators' guide was handed out. Jane highlighted the sections where the co- facilitators should coordinate and/or get back to Tracy with the details of the visuals they'd like (by Thursday, April 16). Dave noted that participants would be pre-assigned to one of the 7 chapter groups rather than self-selecting. Contact information from the participants will also be collected so they can be personally contacted with updates, an invitation to continue their participation, and with the question of what else they'd like to see us doing.

Dave and Kris left at 5:57

Ingleside

- Ingleside Draft Master Plan – Linda sent the amendments to Tighe and Bond from the last review meeting. The document will be amended and will be available in short time. After the town elections and town meeting, we will decide when we'd like Tighe and Bond to view the Plan with the town and community members.
- Funding Project Review – Linda spoke of the meeting she had with the Town Manager and John Deline. The Town Manager recommends a Memorandum of Understanding between the School and Town as a next step. He also requested that Linda set up a meeting for him and John Kearney this week so that a MOU can be produced prior to the Town Manager's departure. John Deline will also follow-up with Town Manager on scheduling this meeting with the School.

Public/Civic/Government Outreach

- Community Engagement
 - Second Annual Community Forum. We concluded that it is premature to talk about a 2nd community forum until after the vision session and town elections. We will take this item off the agenda until after those events.

Fall Festival at Ingleside – Sept. 19, 2015

- Pastor J has placed classified ads for Vendors Wanted with the Keene Sentinel, the Stonebridge Press MA papers, the Fitchburg Sentinel & Enterprise, and the Gardner News. Ads will run once in each of the weekly Stonebridge Press papers and will run for five to seven days in each of the other papers.
- It was suggested that we begin to get ourselves organized and prepared to act as soon as we hear about our Robinson-Broadhurst application.
- It was suggested that we consider options to leverage the Amazing Race to attract more people from town and the area. Options include: a larger cash prize that is publicized; promote healthy competition among in-town teams from the schools, businesses (perhaps sponsored teams?)

Social Media – N/A

Website – N/A

New Business –

- The formation of subcommittees was discussed and the option of having members of the WEC self-select onto one of two WEC subcommittees: one to focus on the acquisition of Ingleside and one to focus on/be a catalyst for community building and bringing interested people and the silos together.
 - The sub-committees could, when appropriate, recruit work groups of people or organizations who share a specific interest or ambition and are willing to commit their time and talents to making something specific happen.

- We can start with and work from the Ingleside surveys and the Downtown Revitalization Study for ideas.
- Over time, the WEC as a whole, may switch to monthly meetings for updates from the sub-committees etc, and the sub-committees may meet more frequently to advance their work on behalf of the WEC and the town.
- Possibilities with GALA were discussed as a subcommittee/workgroup initiative. The WEC Robinson-Broadhurst application has funds for storefront art exhibits and other Art or Music on main street programs or events. Jane mentioned possibilities to develop around a storefront art exhibit: artist walks/talks, plein air painting/drawing downtown, music on main street (Kris likely has ideas and connections). J mentioned that Art in the Park will happen again this year as part of the Solstice program. They will have a booth at the Clark and invite people up to the Park.

Old Business – N/A

Correspondence – N/A

Public Comment – There were none.

Adjournment: Jane moved, Pastor J second. All aye. At 6:25.