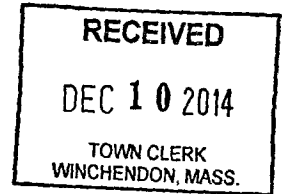


TOY TOWN PARTNERSHIP
WINCHENDON ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014
109 Front St., 4th Floor Robinson-Broadhurst Conference Room



Present: Dave Romanowski, Chairman
Don O'Neil
John Deline
Pastor J. Lillie
Colleen Laperriere

Linda Daigle, Secretary
Jane LaPointe
Ken LaBrack
Steve Haddad

Absent: Myranda Bishop

Documents presented at meeting:

- Email to Town Moderator Rick Morin regarding STM (attached)
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Chairman Dave Romanowski called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

- Review of Minutes from previous meeting – N/A
- Draft Master Plan
 - Linda and John will respond to Page's questions
 - Dave would email The Winchendon School and the Town Manager the draft Master Plan and request a meeting next Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Besides the questions to ask them that were talked about at the last meeting, we thought to ask about ways we could utilize the property next year even if we don't own it. Leasing the space for \$1.00 was mentioned and beginning some Makerspace programs to keep Ingleside flowing.
- Funding Project Review
 - Special Town Meeting Warrant Article – The Committee discussed what type of article(s) to submit an for STM whether just a report or asking for a vote of support. Don moved to submit article for the Special Town Meeting to report the status of the project and not seek a vote of support or intent; John seconded. By vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously. The report will be an update of where we are and where we are going. Thoughts of what to place in the report will be sent to the Chairman who will draft the report. Discussion was had on handing out this report or a more detailed report at STM. Linda will submit the warrant article to the Town Manager's office.
 - Alternate Plan(s) to Fund Project due to Town's Recent Financial Crisis – The Committee spoke briefly about this mentioning the grant opportunities and possible expense for a Grant Writer to complete. Linda would check with the Grant Department at Town Hall. John would check further into activating the 501c3 Toy Town Partnership once had established called "Winchendon Enrichment Foundation."
 - Robinson-Broadhurst Grant Application for 2015 – Ideas were discussed on what to apply for in this new grant go around. Makerspace themed ideas were talked about.
 - Contribution to Open Space and Recreation Plan – Discussion was had on possible increasing our request to Robinson-Broadhurst to use some of our grant funding for the Ingleside Project to fund this much needed update to our Plan from \$5,000 to \$9,000 knowing the Winchendon Redevelopment Authority may not be able to contribute. The

Committee will hold off in sending the request until after the meetings with the WRA and the Conservation Commission. It will be reviewed at a future meeting.

— Public/Civic/Government Outreach

○ Community Engagement

- It was decided we would hold the Second Annual Community Forum sometime after the New Year.
- Continued outreach to committees/boards/organizations would be reviewed at a future meeting and most likely begin again after the New Year.

○ Schedule of Meetings

- Winchendon Redevelopment Authority – Consideration of partial funding of the Open Space and Recreation Plan will be on the agenda.
- Conservation Commission on Nov. 20, 2014 – They will also be considering an increase to their already \$5,000 contribution to the Open Space and Recreation Plan.
- December 8, 2014 the UMASS students working on the downtown revitalization for Winchendon will be scheduled at the Board of Selectmen's meeting this day. It would be interesting for some of us to attend.
- The Master Plan Review Committee – Jane is a member of the Town's Master Plan Review Committee. She announced the first Public Hearing will be held on Jan. 14, 2015.

○ Support Systems – Not discussed.

— Social Media – Not discussed.

— Website – Not Discussed

— New Business – N/A

— Old Business

- Makerspace Programs – There was discussion on decorating Winchendon's downtown storefronts with murals, painting on the windows. Also a mural at Poland School. J talked about the Abandoned Art Project which is being implemented in Gardner. It is a program where junior/senior high school age children go for a day and are taught and work on an art project. They are involved in an Art Show and they agree to abandon their art project donating it where it would be enjoyed. The fee for the program is \$25 per student.

— Adjournment – Ken moved to adjourn; Don seconded. By a vote of all aye, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. Next Wednesday's meeting is tentatively scheduled for 4:00 p.m. with the hope the Town Manager, John Kerney, Glenn Hunt and Joe LaDeau from the Winchendon School will be in attendance to brainstorm on the funding/future of this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daigle
Secretary