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**Toy Town Partnership Meeting  
Monday October 6, 2014  
4:00 pm Town Hall Auditorium**

Agenda

Town Clerk

Review of Minutes from September

Winchendon Enhancement/Ingleside  
Open House

Converse Gardens

Bicycle Trail

Kiosk – condition and usage

New Business

Establish date for next meeting

# Minutes of August 14, 2014 Meeting of the Toy Town Partnership

In attendance: Cindy Boucher, Lee Cloutier, Linda Daigle, Joe LaDeau, Ken Labrack, Collenn LaPerriere, Jane LaPointe, Elaine Mroz, Peter Newton, and Dave Romanowski. Also in attendance was Tracy Murphy of the Planning and Development Office.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and accepted.

## Converse Gardens

No progress to report. Peter will connect with John Deline regarding an earlier offer from Cory Wilson to get work done on the parking lot. Ken mentioned that the Boy Scout troop might be willing to work on this project.

## Bike Trail

Advertising for bids on the section between Glenallen St. and North Ashburnham Rd. is scheduled for October 28, but MassDOT seems to be stalling again. The engineer has provided answers to its latest round of questions, but MassDOT has not responded. We have recently enlisted Senator Brewer to help move this project through the system. If advertising proceeds as planned, there may be some construction during this season, with completion in 2015.

Work on the next phase in Gardner has been interrupted due to political issues. If resolved, construction may begin in 2016. After that, a three mile section will remain to be designed and built to complete the 16 mile trail. It is not clear whether National Grid will grant an easement for this section.

## Task

Everything is in order. The slots are available and open to the public.

## Winchendon Enhancement Committee/Ingleside

Outreach is continuing to many community and municipal groups and elected and appointed officials regarding the Ingleside project. There has been enthusiastic support in all cases.

Planning for the Fall Festival on September 28 is going well. Lots of vendors and events have been lined up.

Dave Romanowski shared the results so far of the survey which has been circulated to determine what uses community members value the most. He has weighted the responses based on cost and feasibility factors. This will help guide the overall plan development. In the meantime, Tighe and Bond has completed the first phase of the feasibility plan, which is the site assessment. Tighe and Bond is aware that the full plan needs to be complete well in advance of the fall Town Meeting, when there will be a vote on the Town's purchase of the property.

## Master Plan

Tracy Murphy updated the group on the Master Plan process. In response to Lee Cloutier's question, she said that if the Ingleside project is approved, it should become part of an updated Open Space and Recreation Plan. TRPC is giving some guidance, but \$10,000 is needed to fund a complete study. The Conservation Commission is willing to make a match of \$5,000 if there is an application made to Robinson Broadhurst for the study. Jane LaPointe commented that art pursuits and Maker Spaces might be considered recreational uses.

Tracy distributed information on a community forum to be held on Monday September 29 regarding the revitalization of downtown. This workshop will be conducted by Regional Planning Graduate Students from the University of Massachusetts. All are encouraged to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

Next meeting will be Monday October 6, at 4pm in the Town Hall Auditorium