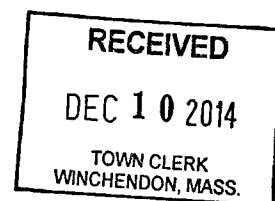


TOY TOWN PARTNERSHIP  
WINCHENDON ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014  
109 Front St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Robinson-Broadhurst Conference Room



Present: Dave Romanowski, Chairman  
John Deline  
Jane LaPointe  
Pastor J. Lillie  
Ken LaBrack

Linda Daigle, Secretary  
Don O'Neil  
Steve Haddad

Absent: Myranda Bishop

Colleen Laperriere

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Documents presented at meeting: n/a

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Chairman Dave Romanowski called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

- Review of Minutes from previous meeting - There were no minutes ready for approval this evening.
- Invited Guests – Brian Dickens was not scheduled this evening but introduced himself as being a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee as well as a member of the Town's Master Plan Committee. He was interested in hearing about this project and offered his help.
- Master Plan Update – Linda has notified the Fire Dept. and Board of Health that Tighe and Bond will be contacting them shortly with information they will need for the Master Plan. It was decided to forward to Tighe and Bond the amazing pictures Don has sent us of the house and property years ago. We will need to collate and update the survey results and get the information to Tighe and Bond. Dave hoped we would get an update, either via email or personally of the status of the Master Plan.
- New Business – The agenda was taken out of order with John having this report. He said he spoke with the Town Manager today about the Morton E. Converse Fund. This fund has \$380,000 that will mature in the year 2017 (a hundred years from its inception). The funds are to be allocated as follows: \$50,000 will be reinvested for another 100 years, \$20,000 to Catholic or Calvary cemetery, \$20,000 goes to Riverside cemetery, \$5,000 goes to each of the churches and \$220,000 goes to park land, open space for the Town of Winchendon. This amount could go towards the purchase of the land. The funds would be available in 2017 and would be a Town Meeting vote. Details would have to be worked out but this was good news. The Committee asked if more details of this fund could be brought back to the meeting, who is in charge of it and what needs to be done.
- Public/Civic/Government Outreach
  - o Subcommittee Update

The Chairman commended everyone for their presentation at the Selectmen's meeting this week. He said he has never seen the Selectmen have so much enthusiasm not only for the project but for this group. It was good to see. Linda added that every single meeting we have had with each board or committee has had the same reaction. It has been all positive, all good. Collaboration has already taken place with the Conservation Commission voting to expend \$5,000 of their account and apply it to the cost of updating our Open Space and Recreation Plan being one of them. We discussed compiling a list of all the outreach that has taken place and note the feedback from each one. So many surprising and unexpected things have come from these meetings. The list could be shared with the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation, The Winchendon School, and Tighe and Bond for the Master Plan.

- Schedule of Meetings

Pastor J said we are currently softly on the agenda for the Pastor's Fellowship meeting next Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. We could speak with Pastors from Cornerstone Church, United Parish, Bethany Bible Chapel, Church of God, Church of the Redeemed and sometimes the Unitarian Pastor is in attendance. The hope is the Pastors will want us to talk to their Boards who can hold the endorsements to bring church life back out to civic life, build bridges through this particular piece of property. Dave, John and Don are able to attend with possibly Jane and Colleen.

- Community Engagement

- The Senior Center will be contacted to schedule a good time to visit them during one of their lunches.
- Ipswich Tenant Council, the Housing Authority and Hyde Park did receive outreach letters.
- Boy/Girl Scouts - Pastor J will be reaching out to the Boy and Girl Scout Councils and see if there are any joint meetings coming up.
- Little League - John and his wife will talk with Tony who is in charge of Little League
- Schools - Myranda and Steve will be getting the word out to the classes. The Murdock Boosters are coming as a vendor. Maybe we should reach out to any PTOs.
- American Legion - Ken offered to present to the American Legion group
- Lions Club, Ladies Auxiliary, Masons have all received the letter and maybe we could send out invitations to be our invited guests at one of our meetings. We will have a public meeting in the future and of course the informational booth at the Fall Fest/Open House.
- We can if needed, team up in twos to present to different organizations if they would like us to.

The second annual Community Forum was discussed. It is being planned for after the Fall Festival, possibly early October. It would need to be a posted meeting. We can send out specific invitations to those involved last year. We would open it up to others as well.

Discussion was had on Ken's questionnaire he prepared. Short and direct answers will be provided for those questions prior to our public hearings.

- Support Systems

Jane asked if there was anyone involved with the Schools that we haven't reached out to yet that would be interested in this Makerspace concept. Pastor J mentioned he has reached out to the High School choir director and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Drama club about the fall Art Show.

— FALL FESTIVAL/OPEN HOUSE Sept. 27, 2014

Trackless Train/Bouncies: Linda reported that Perfect Parties USA has a train available and will give us a discount with a cost of \$900.00. It was agreed to book the train and look at the type of bouncies/rock climbing wall/slide/obstacle course/zip line they have for rent that would fall within our budget. Thoughts to set times for the bouncy were discussed in order to have separation for the different ages of children.

Hay Ride: The committee discussed having John do hayrides as well. He would check the road to see if both the hayride and trackless train could both operate and not be in each other's way.

Band: Neon Alley was chosen as the band for the event. The cost is \$400.00. The band has three members and the flatbed truck may be bigger than what is needed. John asked Ken to find out what they need for power. Payment would be made the day of the event. An invoice would be needed billed to the "Winchendon Redevelopment Authority" and referencing the Winchendon Enhancement Committee in the memo. The WRA was the co-signer of our grant application to Robinson-Broadhurst and holds the funding for this project.

With a band already secured for the event, Mr. Dickens was asked and he agreed to play as a "street vendor" and a thought for one of the amazing race stops could be "name that tune."

Pie Auction: Don will contact Bob Betourney and ask him if he will be the auctioneer that afternoon.

Fall Festival Flyer: Linda will contact Colleen to see where she is with the sign-up sheet for the backside of the flyer. We'll ask people to return them within a week of the event but we would accept them the day of the event as well. Winchendon Public School's will need about 1300 to send home with students.

Signs: Discussed putting them up directing people to the event.

Tents: Linda informed the group that we need to check with the Building Inspector for the tents we plan on using to see if we need permits. Sizes listed were two 12 x 20 from Bruce and the Clark has a 10 x 30. The Winchendon School thinks they have a 20 x 30 we could use that might need the permit. If it rains, we would need it. Linda would check both with Headmaster John Kerny and with the Building Inspector.

Food: Kiwanis would be setting up. They would need to get a food permit from the Board of Health. What do they need for power?

John would be mowing the lawn at Ingleside prior to the event.

- Social Media – Not discussed this evening.
- Website – Not discussed this evening.
- Makerspace Programs – Not discussed this evening.
- Old Business – n/a
- Toy Town Partnership Report – Not discussed this evening.
- Adjournment was at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daigle  
Secretary