

Minutes of May 6, 2013 Meeting of the Toy Town Partnership

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Attendance: Cindy Boucher, Lee Cloutier, Peter Newton, Elaine Mroz, Joe Ladeau, Pam Elbrader. The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm. The May minutes were read and accepted.

Toy Town Horse- Peter reports that \$2000 funding will be in place for landscaping thanks to private donations and a small contribution directly from the Redevelopment Authority. He has deposited \$103 into the Horse account from the donation box at Athol Savings Bank. He will also make a deposit of whatever donations he finds in the Colonial Coop box. He'll remove both boxes since they have been active for a long time. Peter is still working to coordinate a meeting between Margaret Paston of the Garden Club and John Deline to be sure we communicate well regarding the garden plan and layout. Peter will let us know when we'll be needed to help with planting.

Kiosk The kiosk has been cleaned and partially painted, although the weather got in the way of completing the project. Lee has received all the donations he asked for, and will complete the painting when the weather permits. Elaine distributed a prototype map from a state website that Gerry White has been attempting to print. Lee says that John Deline has multiple copies the exact map already printed. Lee will confirm. The group reviewed the list of attractions that will be part of the map legend. Since we will be able to update that list separately from the map we will only indicate current attractions, not pending ones. The group suggested we use 12" cork tiles for the flyer section. Pam will purchase these at Walmart.

Converse Garden Eagle Scout candidate Dan Denette had a team of scouts working on the pedestrian loop on June 1. He estimates that the work is 60% complete on a 10 ft wide path as of our meeting. He before July 1. Peter has encouraged him to coordinate his efforts with John Deline so the town's new chipper might be available and the guard rail might be removed. Dan is also having a sign made for the site. Peter referred him to the building inspector for approval.

No update is available from Gerry White regarding the River Street parcel that we would like to have for parking, although we are sure it has his attention.

Bicycle Trail We have been told that the appraisal is currently being reviewed by the Feds. In the meantime, the 100% design continues. Phase 6, the parcel connecting Stone St. to Route 140 in Gardner is on the draft TIP. This parcel will connect 13 contiguous miles of the pathway.

Planters- Cindy will check with Ruth DeAmicis regarding downtown planters, cared for by the downtown business group.

Canoe Launch Lee and Keith Davis from MRWC's Blue Trails group hope to establish 3 canoe launches this summer at Bushey Bridge on River St/Rd, at New Boston Rd. and Lake Dennison. The launch for Whitney Pond is planned for after completion of the bike trail construction.

Doggie Bags Lee will install donation boxes in an attempt to raise \$450 for 3 more doggie bag stations around town.

New Business Pam Elbrader submitted her letter of resignation.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45p.m. Next meeting Monday July 8 at 4:00pm at Town Hall Auditorium.