

Minutes of May 7, 2012 Meeting of the Toy Town Partnership

In attendance: Cindy Boucher, Lee Cloutier, Don Comeau, Elaine Mroz, Peter Newton. The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm. The May minutes were read and accepted.

Converse Gardens - Peter reports that Eagle Scout candidate Dan Danette is waiting for approval of his project. His work will result in 100-200 of man hours of work. It will establish a 10 foot wide access path. It will likely be several months before approval is given by the Boy Scouts in Texas. Peter will check with Tony from Worcester County Corrections about the status of the sign he is making. Peter gave a report to the Garden Club on May 17 about the status of the project.

Peter also discussed a conversation he had with Jerry White of Community Development. There is approximately \$500 available to help landscape the island in front of the Toy Town Horse. We think this is a good opportunity to beautify the area, and will discuss it more at our next meeting. Don mentioned that he is interested in having some landscaping done on the three islands at Spring Village. He felt we could raise money by selling bricks to be placed on the islands, and that local residents would maintain the area. We discussed the possibility of selling bricks on the island in front of the horse as well. We will consider this project again at our next meeting.

Toy Town Horse- The sign has been repositioned and it looks great. Peter will talk to Don O'Connor, the head of the 250th committee, about the urgency to begin planning for the move of the horse, as it will take a long time.

Bicycle Trail -The comments on the 75% review are in and approval is expected in about a month. If that is the case, we could begin the appraisal process for the final parcel by the end of July. Bidding for the project will happen in January, with construction in the summer of 2013. Phase VI in Gardner will be on the TIP for 2015.

New Business

Lee Cloutier urged everyone to get involved with the clean-up project scheduled on June 9. He also advised of several possible locations for a skateboard park that would be designed and constructed with the help of local young people.

We discussed the sorry condition of the information kiosk across from Town Hall. No one maintains it, and it is quite dirty and in need of repair. We wondered whether Paul Kachinsky might have an original copy of the map that has faded badly. We wondered whether people at the Farmers' Market might be able to help. Elaine said that since the Partnership now meets at Town Hall, it would be easy to check on it each month, and that she'd be willing to do that.

Meeting adjourned at 5pm. Next meeting Monday July 2 at 4pm Town Hall Auditorium