

RED Committee Minutes

10/12/16

Meeting called to order 6:12 PM by Robert L.

Present: Gloria Leustek, Robert Leustek (Chair), Kathy Morehouse, Jason Koerber

Excused: Ben Kilanski, Robert Spruill, Beth Pelton.

Absent: Denis V. Murphy

A motion to approve the Minutes from 9/14 was made by Robert L, seconded by Jason. Motion approved 4-0

Farmers Market: Gloria received an email from Craig Chiapulis who represents Protect the Granite State. Being it's not in the spirit of the market, it was not approved. Gloria will notify Chris by email.

Also, Gloria to draft a letter to Danny regarding donating to the Farmers Market

Financial Report: As of 9/14 we have \$1898.25 less \$156 for the Coroplast signs. The balance for the Music in the Park is \$515. Kathy suggested we send a letter to all businesses in town to solicit donations for the 2017 Music series. Jason will draft a letter and details about sponsorship to be hand delivered to businesses in the area. Jason and Kathy will work on a list of businesses.

Gloria asked if we can take over web design/building the Farmers Market website for \$71.88 annually. Jason suggested to Gloria to look into Square Space.

We made \$144 at the Pickle Festival. \$113 from the 50/50 and \$31 from donations.

New Item: Robert suggested that we look into steel cables over Main St to be used to any RED event as well as town events like the Pickle Festival, etc. We would need permission from the BOS. Robert to ask the BOS tonight. Robert knows of 1 location and we need to find one more, just outside of the center of town. Kathy said the Pickle Festival Committee also wants to do the same thing. We need to get info as to who will put them up, the State or the town? Kathy made a motion that Robert ask the BOS for permission. Seconded by Jason, approved 4-0.

Pole Banners: Gloria to contact Jeannette for the details.

Action items: Tabled

Mission Statement, Assets and Obstacles: Gloria asked if we need to revise our mission statement. Need to look into this further. We need to look at what is on the Town website and Jason suggested that we get a clearer definition from the BOS.

Iron Bridge: Robert L suggested we do fund raising for the materials needed (paint, etc.) and that we ask local talent for ideas and help. This project will not be done until the spring of 2017.

Jason suggested we get the school involved. Robert L. to ask permission to paint at tonight's BOS meeting.

New Items: At the last meeting with the BOS there were a lot of new items mentioned. Gloria will put the list together and add them to future agendas. Robert mentioned the Ashuelot Covered Bridge and a sign about the history and information regarding donating to its upkeep. Kathy said to run this past the Historical Society. Robert L will go to the next Historical Society meeting and ask them if they don't mind the RED Committee working on the bridge project. Jason said that signs are important to the town, especially for historic sites. Gloria mentioned that we don't have a state sign for the Ashuelot Covered bridge.

Complete Streets: We need to review the documents and discuss the next meeting. Is this project in our purview? We will decide next meeting.

Town Wide Garage Sale: Gloria spoke about a town wide garage sale where each participant pays a fee to get on a map and they take donations for the First Aid or other town organization. All agreed it was a good idea. We need to start planning next spring/summer. Because it's a big event it brings in people from all over. We can put up a banner ahead of time. Kathy said we need to do a lot more fund raising to help with other organizations in town.

Fall Clean-up Day: Now Spring Clean Up. Should it be a town wide event? Robert said how residents did it on Back Ashuelot Rd. Will work on planning for the Spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM with a motion from Robert L and a second by Gloria. Approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Gloria Leustek

Minutes Approved on 11/9/16

Signed  (Robert Leustek – Chair)