

## RED Committee Minutes 10/26 /16

Meeting called to order 6:06 PM by Robert L.

Present: Gloria Leustek, Robert Leustek (Chair), Jason Koerber, Denis V. Murphy, Beth Pelton.  
Excused: Ben Kilanski, Robert Spruill, Kathy Morehouse  
Absent:

Approval of minutes tables until we have a quorum of those who were there.

**Financial Report:** As of 9/14 we have \$1842.25. We received \$100 from a farmer's market vendor. Gloria submitted reimbursement for the Farmers Market signs. The balance for Music in the Park is \$515.00.

**Pole Banners:** Gloria received the information from Jeanette. She will review and report back.

**Complete Streets:** Robert reported and gave a brief description of the project. Our committee needs to decide if we take this on. Possible areas are 1. To increase education and awareness about 2. Host Complete Streets technical assistance workshops for Municipal Officials, staff and others 3. Visually show the benefits Complete Streets of thru a Complete Streets rendering pilot project or demonstration event and 4. Work with Municipalities to create to develop a local Complete Streets approach to transportation project planning, design and implementation. Robert suggested that we could work on "Safe Routes to School" or "Rack it up" and bicycle rack program. Denis said that this would be a good project for the Kiwanis Club. This would be good project for the spring. We would need more information. Gloria noted that we already have a lot going on. The School Board should be involved with Safe Routes. As the BOS has already agreed to work on this project, they are looking for people or groups to implement it. Denis will take this to the Kiwanis. Robert will look into getting more information.

**Web Development:** After additional research Gloria decided that Godaddy.com was still a better price at \$71.88/yr. and they host the domain. We have already paid for the .org and .com domains thru Godaddy. A motion was made by Gloria. and seconded by Denis to use Godaddy for web development. Motion passed 5-0

**Cables over the Roads:** Robert identified one location on Rt. 10 Main St and needs to find another location. Then we need to go to the DOT for permission. Denis said to contact Frank Linnenbringer. We already have permission from the BOS. Jason said he would contact Frank to help us find a state contact. Then we need to get specs on the cables. These would be open to any town organization for use as needed, ex. For the Pickle Festival. Each organization would be responsible for purchasing their own banners. The town could even use it for Christmas lights.

**Iron Bridge Painting:** Dale was to get a cost for paint but we would need DOT permission. Jason will look into this as well.

**Historic Signs:** Robert said that he understands that we can get Historic Signs from the State. Jason will talk to Frank as well. We can get signs for the Ashuelot Covered Bridges, the Sheridan House, etc.

**Letter to the BOS:** Gloria said that the ditch parking on Main Street is delayed because the State owns that part of the street. Jason will ask Frank if that part of the road next year when Rt. 119 (Main St.) gets paved next year.

The Pocket Park letter has been received by the BOS but they have yet to address it at a meeting.

**Ashuelot Covered Bridge:** Robert L. is going to attend the next Historic Society meeting about putting a plaque on the bridge with the history of the bridge and an opportunity for visitors to donate to it's upkeep.

**Fund Raising for Welcome Signs:** Robert L. spoke to Jim Tetreault for ideas to raise funds for new "Welcome to Winchester" signs. Once we get a list of businesses in town, we could ask for donations from them. Perhaps large donors will get their name on the sign. Denis suggested that we can sell merchandise.

**New Item: Grant money:** Jason said that there might be a generous donation coming our way and some of that will be designated for the Farmers Market. More information will be presentation at the Nov 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. We would have to look into how to keep track of the funds and where they will be retained.

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting:** We decided to not have a meeting on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

**Business Directory:** Jason said he will start working on a business directory with the help of Kathy.

**Action Items:** Tabled

**Town Wide Garage Sale:** Tabled

**Spring Clean-up Day:** Tabled

**Mission Statement, Assets and Obstacles:** Tabled

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM with a motion from Denis and a second by Jason.  
Approved 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Gloria Leustek

Minutes Approved on 11/9/16

Signed  (Robert Leustek – Chair)