

RED Committee Minutes

9/14/16

Pre-Meeting with Board of Selectman 6:00PM. Present: Gloria Leustek, Robert Leustek (Chair), Kathy Morehouse, Jason Koerber, Robert Spruill, Denis V. Murphy, Beth Pelton, Ben Kilanski

Roberta Fraser discussed the history and beginnings of the Revitalization and Economic Development Committee and its original intent that being a group to improve the Main Street and help businesses as they move in. Roberta said that she sees the group working on all of Winchester, not just Main Street. She recognized all the accomplishments that the committee has completed so far. Herb Stephens mentioned that in the past the committee would come up with an idea and then run it past the BOS for approval and that we have had some great ideas. Robert L asked about our name and how are we involved in Economic Development if we don't have any authority. Robert S asked if the BOS wanted us to help in the negotiations with the shooting range, but Ben pointed out that it would have to be after the Planning Board decision. Roberta said that she understands we want to know why we are named "Economic Development" and that the BOS will have to decide if they want us to be involved in economic development. Denis said his thought originally for the RED committee to help a business get thru the permitting process as an advocate for that business.

Also it was discussed about the differences between a commission and a committee. A Commission would need to be voted in, if it's even possible. The BOS will look into the legalities with the NHMA and get back to us.

Regular Meeting called to order 6:34 PM by Robert L.

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

Excused: Ben Kilanski

A motion to approve the Minutes from 8/24 was made by Jason, seconded by Beth Motion approved 4-0 with 3 abstentions.

Financial Report: As of 9/14 we have \$1344.11 plus \$160 due in. Jason wants to keep the funds for the music recorded separately so we make sure the funds are there and dedicated for the 2017 Music series. Gloria will keep music and farmers market funds separated. We will also be doing another 50/50 at the Pickle Festival. Robert L. suggested that we do a 50/50 at each of the concerts next year. Denis made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Kathy, and approved 7-0.

Farmers Market: Gloria has the revised applications for the Winter 2016/2017 season to be held indoors in Town Hall. The dates of each season and the fees were discussed. The location was changed to indoors inside town hall and the dates were changed. Gloria will be handing out the new applications to the vendors at the Pickle Festival.

Pole Banners: Gloria has 2 applications from Jim but no other information. Kathy said that we need to try to find out more information.

Action items: The 2008 Charrette were discussed. Robert S. said that we have made a lot of progress. We need to start looking at the next steps with an action plan. Robert L. said that we need to expand the membership of committee or if we become a commission. Kathy said that we might have to create sub-committees. Denis said that we can even spin things off like the Canoe Races and the Bridge Dinner.

Iron Bridge: We had previously discussed that we ask the BOS to send a letter to FPA about painting the Iron Bridge on Elm St. but due to the current financial situation of FPA Jason suggested that we wait until next year. Robert L. suggested that we do the fund raising for it and rely on the creativity of FPA. It was decided to begin drafting a letter but bring up the subject next year for a spring project.

Letters to the BOS:

- **Ditch Parking and trash issue:** The letter to the BOS thanking them for their attention to the ditch parking and making them aware of a trash issue on Main Street was read at a previous BOS meeting. Margaret Sharra was asked to look into the issue.
- **Pocket Park Dedication:** The letter to the BOS regarding the dedication of the pocket park to Gary Beaman has not yet been addressed by the BOS.

Donor Proposal: The owner of the Main Street Mini Mart suggested that in exchange for a sizeable donation to the RED Committee that he would have exclusive, lifetime rights to have a slushy machine at any or all of the RED Committee events. We would have to discuss this further. It would also have to be brought to the BOS about the legalities of it.

Town Wide Garage Sale: Tabled

Fall Clean-up Day: Tabled

New/Other Business: tabled until next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM with a motion from Jason and a second by Denis.
Approved 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Gloria Leustek

Minutes Approved on 10/12/16

Signed  (Robert Leustek – Chair)