

Lower Village Committee Minutes

Town of Kennebunk

Monday, April 1, 2019 - 8 AM
Washington Hose - Port Road - Kennebunk

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Betsy Smith.
2. Minutes for February were approved.
3. Sgt. Andy Belisle reported that spring events season is upon us.
4. Miriam Whitehouse reported on the Design Guidelines subcommittee's recent meeting with John Stoll. The subcommittee is going to recommend that the standards not apply to single family residential properties and that they apply to all commercial and mixed-use properties in an "overlay" district encompassing the Lower Village Business District as well as Beach Avenue to Goochs Creek and Western Avenue to include the Inn on the Marsh and Barney's Boarding House. The subcommittee is working with Town Planner John Stoll on a blend of the standards proposed by Harriman and existing Route One standards. Once the recommendations are firmed up, the subcommittee will seek the approval of the LV Committee, then the Planning Board, then the Select Board, then the voters.
5. Laura Dolce reported on progress with planters, benches and dories. Three businesses (Estabrook's, Wallingford and Herb's) have agreed to donate planters for Lower Village businesses. Laura will check with Weir's about painting them a uniform color (blue). Then they will be given to businesses to position, plant and oversee. LV has 7 benches allocated to it. Laura, Pat Foley and Nina Spencer will work with Bryan Laverierre to designate locations. They will also check with him on how many dories are allocated to the Lower Village and preferred locations for dories.
6. Selectman Wayne Berry reported that the first reading of the fiscal 2020 budget was last week and that it will apparently proceed without controversy to the ballot. He also reported that the LV Survey has been awarded and should be getting underway. He noted that there is a very wide (66") public right of way along Port Road, extending well back from the pavement on the western side. He was asked about public concern (social media) about the removal of trees along Parsons Way. He responded that the work is being done under a Canopy Grant, that the trees being removed are in natural decline and that the new trees will provide the same aesthetic benefit to future generations that the current generations has enjoyed.
7. Laura gave the Chamber update. Their electric car charging station has been upgraded. A job fair was held in March with great success and an older workers job fair would be held on April 2. Planning is underway for Launch including a Harbor High Five event on June 14 and a Rock the Dock event on Saturday. Some of the proceeds will go to River Tree Arts.

8. Paul Humphrey, the owner of Mornings in Paris, attended the meeting and was congratulated on the recent expansion and upgrading of the interior space there.
9. Nancy Eaton asked about the process of reporting dead animals to the Town. On weekends, KPD should be notified – otherwise, Public Works should be notified.
10. New Committee member Patti Sass Perry noted that the State has received \$5.1 million in a settlement from Volkswagen and has invited proposals for electric vehicle charging stations. Those present agreed that it would be a good idea to apply for a couple of stations for the public parking space behind Washington Hose. Sgt. Belisle noted that that parking area is closed from dawn to dusk. All agreed that it would make sense for the space to be available to visitors after dusk whether for charging electric vehicles or not. Wayne will mention the idea of applying for the stations to Town Manager Mike Pardue and let us know whether we (the Lower Village Committee), the Energy Efficiency Committee or some other Town entity should pursue the RFP.
11. The next meeting will be Monday, May 6.

Attendance:
Committee
Betsy Smith
Miriam Whitehouse
Patti Sass Perry
Laura Dolce
Nina Spencer

Selectman Wayne Berry
Sgt. Andy Belisle
Ali Eagleson – River Tree Arts
Kristi Kenney
Rebecca Turner
Nancy Eaton
Leila Jancke