

Lower Village Committee Minutes Town of Kennebunk

Monday, June 3, 2019 - 8 AM
Washington Hose Company Kennebunk

1. Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by Chair, Betsy Smith
2. Minutes for May were approved. Miriam Whitehouse is acting secretary for this meeting.
3. Officer Belisle reported that things have been quiet in Lower Village. The road race went well this past weekend. The next big events will be Launch, June 15th and July 4th celebrations.
4. Design Standards update by Miriam Whitehouse:
The design standards subcommittee will be meeting tomorrow June 4th at 2pm at Coffee Roasters to finalize proposed standards, including recommendations on solar installations and the recommended overlay district to be affected. The draft will then be submitted to John Stoll to take to the Planning Board for review.
5. Ali Eagleson asked about the Town sign ordinance, particularly with regard to sandwich boards.
6. Updates on planters - 40 new pots have been distributed to 9 LV businesses who volunteered to share the cost and participate in the project. Nina Spencer obtained the blue pots from Herbs at a very good price. The cost share to the LV committee was \$167. The businesses will plant the pots themselves, maintain them and store them over the winter. It was suggested that in the Fall, the LV committee may ask the participating businesses whether they'd like to share the cost of planting Mums. Next spring, we will reach out to more businesses.
7. Update on dories and benches - Pat Foley and Laura Dolce met with Bryan Laverriere (Public Works) to ask about moving dories off the bridge and

over to Port Road. They were open to the idea, but Mike Pardue objected because the dories and benches are geo-located. Laura will follow up with Mike to discuss new locations for the dories and the benches, specifically, getting both dories and benches off the bridge where they interfere with pedestrian traffic. We also need to get rid of an old wooden bench, currently located at HB's. One of the new benches was slated to be located at HB's but has not been placed there yet.

8. Bob Bierman mentioned that some of the trees on the bridge are in need of help. One has died, two need to be pruned there is sidewalk plow damage to the trunks. Betsy will contact Wayne Cutting the Town Tree Warden.
9. Update on electric charging station by Patti Sass Perry:
Patti and Sharon Staz went before the selectmen last month and presented a fact sheet to the board. At the end of the meeting, the selectmen gave their approval for the LV committee to pursue the RFP. The charging station would be located at the Washington Hose fire station, mounted on side of the building near the power source. We will need 1-2 reserved parking spaces. Patti recommends that to be competitive with other towns vying for the grants, that we make the station available 24/7.

The State grant does not cover the installation of solar panels. The estimated cost for that is \$6,000. If we were to install solar panels, we could generate the electricity for the charging station and any extra would be credited to the Fire Station. If we are awarded the grant, the plan is to solicit donations from local businesses to fund the solar portion of the project as an indication of their support for "green" tourism. Those supporting the project would be recognized in some formal way.

Issues to be resolved:

1. Sargent Belisle mentioned that someone would have to address security issues for the station.
2. Wayne Berry will contact Chief Rowe about parking spaces.
3. Chis Osterreider will examine the roof to make sure it can handle solar installations.
4. Betsy will get the Town's electrical contractor to give us estimates for installing the station (s).
5. Mike Pardue will check into insurance implications (liability).
6. Sharon Staz will calculate the electricity cost under various usage assumptions.
7. Patti will prepare the

RFP which is due on July 10th. It may be useful to get some LV traffic count statistics – she will check with Chris Osterrieder.

Wayne noted that he believes that the selectmen may be willing to fund this project even if we don't receive a state grant and may be interested in applying for other locations.

10. Update on Port Road: Betsy reported that Town Hall says this has top priority and the road will be paved to the curb and striped very soon.
11. Selectmen's report by Wayne Berry: The Town is starting to work on RFPs for beach damage repairs post the FEMA funding. The Connectivity work group from the EDC is working on a plan to upgrade Kennebunk's quality and speed, including availability of fiber optic. The EDC branding work group is setting up focus groups and will host one public meeting. The Energy Efficiency Committee has presented a plan to convert street lights to more energy efficient LED technology.
12. Chamber update by Laura Dolce: A new sign will be replacing the old DOT sign on the Route 9 bridge. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be announced.
13. Brian Doyle is Kennebunk's new acting and part time EDC director. He has been meeting with businesses in town and has focused on business retention as his first priority. On the June 11th ballot, we will be voting on creating and funding an EDC director position. If Brian is interested in staying here, he will apply for that position if it is approved.

This week is the Kennebunkport Festival. Next week is Launch. One of the fundraising goals of Launch this year is to purchase floating wheelchairs for the beach. The current beach wheelchairs are getting a lot of use.

14. Rick Taranto said that the "gas light" street lamps are still not working in spite of his calls to KLP. Wayne said he would follow up.

REMINDER: town elections are June 11th.

Next meeting will be July 1st.

Attendance:

Betsy Smith-Chair

Miriam Whitehouse – Acting Secretary

Nina Spencer

Patti Sass Perry

Rick Taranto – Vice Chair

Laura Dolce

Wayne Berry-Selectman

Sgt. Andy Belisle

Ali Eagleson-River Tree Arts

Bob Bierman