



Lower Village Committee Minutes - Town of Kennebunk

Monday, July 1, 2019 - 8:00AM

Washington Hose - Port Road, Kennebunk

1. The meeting was called to order and introductions were made.
2. The minutes of the June meeting were approved. Pat Foley volunteered as July Secretary.
3. Election of officers for the 7/1/19-6/30/20 year were held. Betsy Smith Chair, Miriam Whitehouse Vice Chair, Secretary to be rotated.
4. Betsy Smith noted that a new Town Committee Handbook has been published on the Town website. Mike Pardue noted that changes and modifications can still be made.
5. Sgt. Belisle was not available for the KPD report. Mike noted that the Town is well prepared for the July 4 celebrations and reminded everyone that permits are required to set off fireworks.
6. Design Standards – Betsy reported for Miriam that the draft has been submitted to the Town Planner, John Stoll, and that the next step is review by the Planning Board. She noted that Kristi Kenney, a local architect, has submitted helpful comments on the draft and that these (along with other public comment) will be given careful consideration in the review and discussions with the Planning Board.
7. Dories and Benches – Laura Dolce will reconnect with Bryan Laverriere about the relocation of dories and benches to better accommodate pedestrian traffic and tie in Port Road to Western Avenue.
8. Patti Perry presented an update on the initiative to submit an RFP for two electric charging stations at Washington Hose. There was a lengthy discussion about the rationale behind the initiative (energy efficiency, tourist draw, 50% State subsidy, etc.). Resident Tera Khalsa expressed concern about the impact on electrical service in the neighborhood, an adjustment of the dawn-to-dusk limits on use of the park and its parking lot and the loss of emergency parking slots for the KFR volunteers. It was noted that the working group hopes to upgrade the stations to solar power financed by local business underwriters if the RFP is successful. In later discussions, it was also agreed that the target parking slots would move from the side of the building to the rear of the building and that only the two slots would be available after dusk. NB The RFP was submitted on July 9 on schedule.

9. Wayne Berry gave an update for the Select Board. He noted that the Town had been notified by HB Provisions that center lane striping on Western Avenue had not been refreshed. Mike Pardue responded that a very wet spring had local painting contractors 30-45 days behind schedule. Betsy Smith noted that at least there is a center line on Western and that the Committee is very grateful for the new surface and revised striping on Port Road, which makes the environment a great deal safer for pedestrians crossing to Pedro's and Old Vines.
10. Mike Pardue reminded all that his door is always open to residents who want to be in touch with him. The road and sidewalk work on Route 35 will continue into August but is proceeding apace. The Town is very grateful for the hard work done by Chris Osterrieder and Bryan Laverriere to get the FEMA award for \$1.8 million to repair and improve the seawall which was severely damaged in the March, 2018 storm. It was also noted that the newest member of the KPD is Otto the canine – a black German shepherd who was sworn in at the last Select Board meeting.
11. Laura Dolce reported for the Chamber of Commerce that Launch was a great success and raised enough money to acquire two floating chairs for handicapped beachgoers. She also noted that cruise ships are booking into Portland five years out and the Lower Village Kiosk is open 7 days a week.
12. Ali Eagleson reported for River Tree Arts that summer camp registrations are up but that they are having only mixed success obtaining grant money – as grant applications are increasingly competitive.
13. Beverly Lindgren reported that the new housing development at 30 Western Avenue is causing major drainage issues for the neighbors. A “sidebar” discussion was held with Mike Pardue.
14. A vote was taken to skip the August meeting.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 and was followed by a “sidebar” discussion among Tera, Wayne, Patti and Betsy about the charging station initiative. Follow up steps were agreed upon.

**NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 9 AT 8:00
LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED
NB – New Select Board Liaison – Frank Paul**

Attendance:
Betsy Smith – Chair
Mike Pardue – Town Manager
Wayne Berry – Select Board Liaison
Laura Dolce – LV Committee
Pat Foley – LV Committee
Nina Spencer – LV Committee
Nancy Eaton

Beverly Lindgren
Molly Downer
Chuck Reid
Philip Harley
Ali Eagleson
Tera Khalsa
TS Seavy
Kristi Kenney