



Minutes - Lower Village Committee Meeting  
November 4, 2019  
9:00 AM Washington Hose

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Introductions/ Acting Secretary - Pat Foley.
3. Approved minutes of the October Meeting.
4. Police Report – none.
5. Kennebunk Bicentennial - Kathy Ostrander Roberts (Chair Bicentennial Committee) was invited to today's meeting and gave a detailed presentation on the events for Kennebunk's Day of Celebration on June 27, 2020 from 2 to 7PM. (Plans have been in the making since 2003). The goal of the committee was to keep a "small town - just for us" feel – a Town celebration, not a highly commercialized Tourist event. The signature event will be held on Main Street with tables for non-profits, music, food trucks and boxed dinners. The Lower Village Committee has been asked to join in and Kathy suggested that it might be a better time for us to do something on Sunday the 28th in conjunction with the road race that is being planned. Any plan must be presented to the celebration committee for approval. NB – LV Committee member Alex Gramling has volunteered to lead/coordinate our participation in the events along with Laura Dolce who is on the Bicentennial Committee.
6. Design Standards Update – Miriam Whitehouse reported that she and Betsy Smith met with Town Planner John Stoll last week. The Planning Board meets on November 11th at 7:00PM and will be asked whether they prefer to keep LV Design Standards as a separate section of the Town Ordinances or incorporate it into a single Design Standards Ordinance with Route 1 Standards and Lower Village Standards differentiated within the single ordinance. John believes that there is time for these proposals to make the June ballot. NB – The November 11 meeting was cancelled and rescheduled to December 9.

7. Benches, Dories & Planters - nothing to report at this time.
8. Charging Station Update - Patti Sass Perry reported that due to a FedEx error our application for the first round of electric vehicle charging station subsidies was delivered 20 minutes past the deadline but that there will be a second round of awards. The deadline for our second application is 11-12-19. Patti will meet with the Town Manager tomorrow to go over the numbers. Due to input from the residents across from the firehouse, Patti looked at a second location for the charging station – a Sewer District property off of Western Avenue. She met with Mr. Bolduc from the Sewer District but their joint conclusion was that it would not be appropriate for the stations.

Patti is also our liaison to the Energy Efficiency Committee and gave an update on the Town wide project to replace existing street lights with LED lights. The bad news is that Lower Village will not be part of the 800 light replacements program because the LEDs will affect goosenecks only and NOT the older disc lights that are located here. It is possible that some goosenecks will not be needed and Rick Taranto asked if those could be relocated in LV to improve the lighting. NB – see past minutes for discussions about concerns about LV lighting and pedestrian safety.

Adding/ updating no idling signs are being looked into also.

9. Selectman Paul Update – He reminded all to vote tomorrow and reported on the Select Board decision to fund a new position at the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission to coordinate Climate Change strategies for the six southernmost towns in Maine including Kennebunk.
10. Chamber of Commerce Update - Trick or Treating was a success. 800-1000 pieces of candy were given out. PJ Shopping Day is November 30th and mid-week Prelude activities are still being planned. There will be a European style Christmas Market across from Old Vines with a heated tent with live music.
11. Other - Miriam was contacted by June Huston (Chair Economic Development Committee) asking for opinions on whether the town should reinstate the Downtown Committee or should it be an outreach of the EDC? The Town Manager is looking for feedback and Laura Dolce will attend that EDC meeting in Miriam Whitehouse's (liaison from LV to EDC) absence.

Paul Humphrey (Mornings in Paris) is concerned with a road race on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – a very busy pre-July 4 weekend. Many agreed that shutting down traffic around Coopers Corner may not be in the best interest of the LV businesses. Paul will contact Chief McKenzie to discuss this.

Paul is also in ongoing discussions with the Town Manger and Public Works about a more uniform trash receptacle policy for Lower Village.

12. Next meeting scheduled for December 2nd at 9:00AM.

13. Motion to adjourn.

#### Attending November Meeting

Betsy Smith - Chair

Miriam Whitehouse – Vice Chair

Pat Foley – Acting Secretary

Frank Paul – Select Board Liaison

Kathy Ostrander Roberts – Bicentennial Committee

Paul Humphrey

Rick Taranto

Laura Dolce

Theresa Willette

Patti Sass Perry

Kristi Kenney

Maureen