

MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

September 18, 2018
Minutes

Present: David Pisha, Carla Westine, Julie Hance, Kelly Arrison; Claudio Veliz; Rick Paterno

Visitors: Shawn Cunningham

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

1. Review Minutes:

A motion was made by Claudio Veliz to approve the minutes. Seconded by Carla Westine. The motion passed.

2. Community Forest Presentation Discussion:

Julie Hance reminded all members that there is meeting on September 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm. here at Town Hall to learn about “What is a Community Forest”.

The committee discussed their role in this potential acquisition. It was agreed that the function of the Implementation Committee is to implement the Master Plan. Julie Hance explained that she is getting the word out about the meeting and does not need the committee to do anything.

The committee also discussed the potential financial impacts to the town. They further discussed the potential economic benefits.

3. Future of Fall Festival:

Julie Hance stated that the Chester Rotary has indicated that they will no longer be taking over the running of Fall Festival. She received a document from Nancy Davis outlining the areas that would need to be handled to operate Fall Festival.

The Committee discussed that losing Fall Festival would be a tremendous loss to the community for many reasons.

4. Events Coordinator Position:

The committee continued the previous discussion of Fall Festival in connection with this agenda item. David Pisha explained that he is currently drafting a description for an Events Coordinator for the town. He explained that this position would be event specific, less than part time. Carla Westine showed the committee that this position is supported on the Implementation Matrix produced during the Master Plan process.

Claudio Veliz and Kelly Arrison suggested that perhaps the initiatives relative to “The Green infrastructure” be moved ahead on the priority list to help accommodate this potential position.

Following discussion, it was agreed that David Pisha will talk with Rotary about what they are envisioning their future involvement will be with Fall Festival in the future. David Pisha will present the position to the Selectboard in October.

5. Other Business:

Julie Hance informed the committee that she has learned about an Animating Infrastructure Grant that will be opening up this winter. She asked committee members to be thinking of ideas for how this grant could be used in Chester. Claudio Veliz suggested a model of the Solar System or something similar. Kelly Arrison shared that a portion of the Promenade could be constructed with a design in the brick work. Carla Westine suggested that a project be considered that connects directly to the Implementation Matrix.

The committee agreed that there will be a meeting on October 2 at 10:00 a.m to review the Implementation matrix only.

6. Adjourn

A motion was made by Kelly Arrison to adjourn. Seconded by Claudio Veliz. The motion passed.