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## Downtown Committee

### Meeting Minutes 8.6.2020

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**Present:** Kevin Dumas; Chair, Martha O'Connell, Beth Ashman Collins, Eileen Cusack, and Nick Lorizio.

**Guests:** Lee Azinheira (DPW). Minutes: Nancy Griffin

**Call to Order:** The Downtown Committee was called to order at 4:38 pm by Chair Kevin Dumas.

#### Acceptance of Minutes

**Motion to accept the minutes from July 2, 2020 made by Ms. Eileen Cusack, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Beth Ashman-Collins.**

**Roll Call Vote: Beth Ashman Collins – Yes, Eileen Cusack – Yes, Martha O'Connell - Yes, Nick Lorizio – Yes, and Kevin Dumas – Yes. Vote 5-0 PASSED**

#### New Business

Mr. Dumas summarized a proposal from Eagle Scout Candidate Ryan Morley for a calisthenics area to be created at the public area on Old Colony Way. Mr. Dumas explained to the group that there may be some accessibility problems with the Eagle Scout project, and that the same issues may exist with the Downtown Committee's train structure project proposal as the path and pad have to be fully handicap accessible. Mr. Dumas wondered if, for Ryan Morley's project, should we try to steer him back toward his original idea of creating large games for families to enjoy year after year. He noted for the group, all the surfaces and at least one piece of equipment has to be accessible. Mr. Lorizio asked if the scout's project would require one handicap accessible as well. Mr. Dumas stated that there would have to be at least one handicap accessible piece in the park, but that the entire area must be accessible including the surfaces. Ms. Ashman-Collins stated that there must be catalogs of handicap accessible equipment. Mr. Dumas suggested that we reach out to Craig Miller of Waterfield Design Group to see if he knows of a train themed piece that would provide accessibility, and then have Mr. Miller create a proposal to see how it would fit on the site. Ms. Ashman-Collins asked if grass is accessible, Mr. Azinheira stated that the grass was always a temporary plan until something permanent was decided. Ms. Cusack stated that there may be an accessible component to the train that was proposed, and perhaps we should reach out to the manufacturer to see if the pieces could be modified. Mr. Azinheira told the Committee that Rick Alves has a set of plans that Mr. Miller could use for measurements. Mr. Dumas stated that he would like to set up a meeting with Ryan Morley to go over some possible options for his project and he will set up a meeting with Craig Miller for a proposal for the space.

#### Review of Ongoing Projects

**Training Station Art on Ramps:** Mr. Azinheira gave the Committee an overview of the painting project for the train station ramps, but noted that he had circulated the project outlines as this is not his area of expertise. He summarized that the process is fairly comprehensive and added an overview of the MBTA requirements. He is asking if someone on the Committee could take the lead on this. Beth Ashman Collins said she thought Nancy Wall was working on this,

but that she would reach out to her and to a professor at Wheaton who works on public art. Mr. Dumas asked that the project spreadsheet be updated to assign this to Nancy Wall.

N. Main Street Public Parking Lot: Mr. Azinheira updated that DPW has completed the drainage and installation of electric conduit, bases for lights on pathway and lot have been installed, and transformer switchover is complete. The reclamation of the lot will be scheduled at a later date.

Old Colony Road: Mr. Azinheira continued, old curbing is out, new conduit is in, they are awaiting drainage structures which are taking longer due to the pandemic. They will be done this season. The tentative schedule for paving at the Jimmy's lot is to be done after the bases and walls for dumpster enclosures get done. The anticipated time is mid-September.

Panels installed at train station: The panels have been installed. Later in August Highway will install the one at Fulton's Pond.

Doggie waste bag dispensers: These have been installed at Public Parking, Old Colony Road, and off N. Main Street by the Barrows lot.

Barrel Covers in the center of Town: Mr. Azinheira asked for the Committee member's thoughts on the color of the covers. His recommendation is to go with black because there are so many different barrels out there. Mr. Dumas agreed with black. Mr. Azinheira thought they would be here in a week or two.

Mr. Dumas gave an update on work the DPW has accomplished this summer. He stated, behind the Housing Authority they have done a beautiful job with the multi-use path. Then they jumped over to the Public Parking Lot on N. Main Street and have done a great job, then to Old Colony Road at the same time. He complimented Lee and thanked the DPW crew for their hard work on these projects and the Town Hall/Memorial Hall parking lot as well.

Downtown Parking Rules & Regulations: Mr. Dumas updated the Committee on the status of the Downtown Parking Rules and Regulations by stating that there is going to be one more public outreach meeting at a date that is yet to be determined with the goal of having it done by the end of the calendar year. The new regulations are to make things more consistent and to allow for four-hour parking downtown. This will also help with enforcement because now the enforcement officer will only have to patrol a couple of times each day versus multiple times each day. The new plan has just come in, so once Mr. Dumas has a chance to review it the new plan will then get posted on the Town's website.

Shared Streets & Spaces Grant: Mr. Dumas summarized that unfortunately Mansfield did not get approval for the grant for the parklets. Mr. Azinheira did request feedback as to why the grant was denied and the State responded that cost was a factor and lead time. They are looking for something to be accomplished in 30 days or less. Basically, the long and short of it is that they are looking for something with a quick turnaround therefore we are going to take another look at this and we will resubmit a new proposal.

Martha O'Connell asked if there is any kind of policy we have with the Electric Department to keep the Electric boxes looking neat and clean as there are a couple downtown. Specially, the one on Lincoln Place is all rusted and looks terrible. Mr. Dumas stated that a lot of them are private and not owned by the Town, but we can reach out to Joe Sollecito at Mansfield Electric to ask about the Lincoln Place unit.

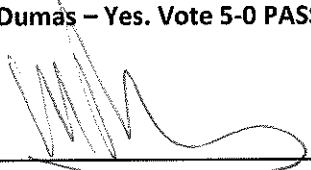
Next Meeting Date: Mr. Dumas suggested Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm for the next meeting. Everyone in attendance agreed that this date worked.

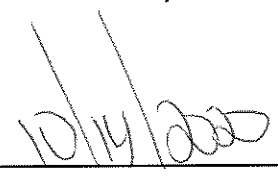
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Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn at 5:24pm made by Ms. Ashman-Collins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eileen Cusack.**

**Roll Call Vote: Beth Ashman Collins – Yes, Eileen Cusack – Yes, Martha O’Connell - Yes, Nick Lorizio – Yes, and Kevin Dumas – Yes. Vote 5-0 PASSED**

  
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Kevin Dumas, Chair

  
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