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Downtown Committee

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Meeting Minutes 8.19.2021

Present: Kevin Dumas; Chair, Neil Rhein, George Pantos, Eileen Cusack, and Marth O'Connell

Minutes: Nancy Griffin

Call to Order: The Downtown Committee was called to order at 4:35 pm by Director Kevin Dumas.

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion: To adopt the meeting minutes of March 18, 2021 **Passes 5:0 (Pantos/Rhein)**

Discussion regarding Harry Chase Place:

Mr. Dumas gave the board an update on the status of the Harry Chase Place project. He proposed bringing back the idea of the train structure. Ms. Cusack stated that the structure company quoted an 8-week lead time about a year ago. Mr. Rhein suggest reaching out to Kevin McNatt to help with historical tie-ins. Mr. Dumas agreed to setting up a meeting with Kevin McNatt and Craig Miller of Waterfield Design Group.

Downtown Business Update:

- **Providence Bagel Company:** Mr. Dumas told the Committee about the opening of Providence Bagel Company. He stated that they are doing a wonderful job, and he told the group that the owner and manager want to get involved in the community.
- **North Main Street Fire Station:** Mr. Dumas gave the Committee an update on the soil mitigation and expected sale timeline of the building.
- **Verizon Fence Replacement:** Mr. Dumas told the Committee that the fence at Verizon's Central Office on N. Main Street will be updated by Verizon and the Town will be putting small arborvitae in front of the new fence. Mr. Pantos objected to the replanting of arborvitae and suggested planting holly trees.

Ideas For Other Beautification Efforts:

- **Banners:** Mr. Dumas shared some banner ideas with the Committee that were created by Penta Communication. The Committee was given the samples and asked to consider them and to bring their thoughts and ideas to the next meeting. Mr. Pantos asked if the Town was going to buy new brackets. Mr. Dumas told the Committee that it was likely that new brackets would be purchased.
- **Public Art on the Bike Path:** Mr. Rhein noted that Beth Ashman Collins had a contact at Wheaton College that had an interest in doing some form of art along the bike path. He stated he would take the lead on getting the contact.
Ms. Cusack stated that the Keep Mansfield Beautiful committee is working on the "Relay Stations." She gave the Committee an overview of the project, stating that there are several old postal relay mailboxes in town that could be turned into a contest to beautify them around town.
- **Parklettes:** Mr. Dumas stated that they are extremely expensive and the grant funding is not viable at this time.

Fall Festival 2022: Mr. Dumas informed the Committee that there would not be a Fall Festival in 2021.

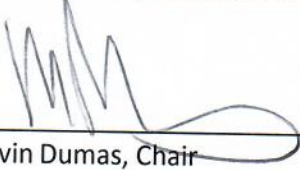
Review New Business: None

Next Meeting Date: The Committee members agreed to meet next on Thursday, September 16, 2021.

Any items not known 48 hours prior

Adjournment

Chairman Dumas adjourned the meeting at 5:36 pm.



Kevin Dumas, Chair



Date