

Village Enhancement Committee Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2022

Meeting opened @ 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Marie Daigle (chair), Judy Lewald, Melissa Hoisington, Jed Nickerson, Jan Royall, Todd Towle, Ashley Hopwood Farrar

Members absent: Katherine Donnelly

1. May minutes were approved
2. Jan Royall reported on a Legal Update from a Town Meeting concerning committee member communications. It is a mandate from the state that no town committee projects may be discussed via email. Projects can only be discussed, and decisions made, in a committee meeting that is open to the public, either in-person or through video communications.
3. Jan Royall provided updates on the Riverside Project. There was a discussion between committee members about this being looked at by a civil engineer to address erosion and best steps moving forward. Todd Towle discussed that the bridge is slated for reconstruction in 6-8 years so maybe we should wait. Committee members thought that this was a long time to wait. Steps were discussed to address erosion and close the opening in the guard rail so cars can't drive in. Richard Hawkes was named as a possible engineering contact.
4. Marie Daigle informed the committee that the selectmen have approved the sign project with a \$5000. budget.
 - Signworks will be producing the signs.
 - Town crews will install the signs.
 - Permits have been secured.
 - Locations are to be determined.
5. A citizen complaint was discussed concerning the placement of the lamp posts. This complaint was communicated from a selectman to Ashley Hopwood Farrar. "Why did the lamp posts not extend further south within the village?" Placements were discussed and it was determined that the rock wall, which is historically significant, caused the sidewalk to be too narrow. Ashley will communicate with all parties concerning this issue.
6. Marie Daigle nominated Susan Davis as a member of the VEC. Jed Nickerson seconded.
7. Sue Davis made a motion for Jan Royall and Sue Davis to continue work on the Riverside Project. Marie Daigle tabled this motion for later discussion.

Meeting was closed @ 7:00 PM

Next meeting Thursday, October 13.