

VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2023
Location: Webster Hall
Time: 5:40-6:30
Topic: Special meeting: Art for Electrical boxes; riverside project
Present: Jess Beer, Sue Davis, Katherine Donnelly on phone, Judy Lewald, Jan Royall
Absent: Marie Daigle, Melissa Hoisington, Jed Nickerson

As temporary chair, Sue Davis opened the special meeting at 5:40. Davis noted first that there was a quorum and second that as a special meeting they would not follow the draft agenda, which includes approval of minutes, etc., but only two special items. The quorum was determined by the Town Manager's acceptance of Jess Beer as a new member of the committee and the resignation of Todd Towle.

Riverside project

Jan Royall and Sue Davis reported on their meeting with Mark Wahl. He recommended submitting a Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection permit-by-rule (PBR). The DEP then has two weeks to respond, at which point the project can proceed if the DEP has not responded.

Wahl also estimated a reasonable price less than \$20,000. Kingfield policy does not require bids when estimated costs are below \$25,000.

Davis then reported on a telephone conversation with Main-Land engineer Rick Dunton who agreed with Wahl's recommendation. As engineer of record on many projects, he and his engineering firm Main-Land often defer to the judgment of highly qualified contractors.

Davis then met with Town Manager Leanna Targett who offered to contact Dunton about making the PBR request of the DEP. Royall and Davis will follow-up with Targett in hope of getting approval for the cost at the next Select Board meeting August 7.

Selection of artists for the utility box project



After discussion and consideration, the committee decided to go with Patty's first design and going back to Bailey to ask her for different wildlife features. Jess Beer agreed to contact the artists with these decisions. She will ask Patty to submit her design showing the multiple sides.

The committee confirmed its next meeting to be August 9 and then adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Davis for Secretary Melissa Hoisington