

Village Enhancement Committee

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023
Location: Webster Hall
Time: 5:10-6:20
Topics: Committee changes, East River Project, Utility Box Art Project, town sign installation, benches, bulletin board options
Present: Sue Davis, Jess Beers, Katherine Donally, Jan Royall, Judy Lewald, Claudia Diller, Melissa Hoisington

Sue Davis opened the September meeting of the Kingfield Village Enhancement Committee at 5:10 pm at Webster Hall. After declaring a quorum she asked for approval of the July and August meeting minutes. Katherine moved to approve, Judy seconded the motion, it was approved unanimously. The agenda was then approved.

Committee Changes

- It was confirmed that Marie Daigle and Jed Nickerson have resigned from the committee.
- Claudia Diller has been confirmed to replace Todd Towle.
- The selectboard has approved the committee size to be reduced from 9 to 7 members.
- Election of new officers-
 1. Melissa will continue as secretary.
 2. Jan nominated Sue for committee chair, Katherine seconded the nomination, all voted in favor (Sue abstained).
 3. Melissa nominated Jan as co-chair, Judy seconded, all voted in favor. (Jan abstained)

Jan & Sue noted different days allowed to be absent before having to leave the committee. Sue will ask Leanna to updated binders in that regard.

Sue also noted that Katherine and Claudia did not have VEC binders and will ask Leanna to provide them as well.

East River Project

- Rick Dutton and Emily Hastings of Main-Land have agreed to do the permitting for this project for a sum not to exceed \$3000.
- Mark Wahl has agreed to put in the granite steps. He has given the committee an estimate of under \$20,000 for completing the work on this project.
- A discussion followed concerning asking the DOT about the possibility of moving the guard rails in toward the river to allow for street parking at the site. Sue will speak with Emily Hastings about this issue.

Utility Box Art Project (report out by Jess)

- Patty Thomas has completed her box.
- Bailey DeBiase is excited to start and is hoping to be in the area soon.
- Sue asked about the possibility of painting the bases of the utility boxes black. All members agreed to take a look and this will be revisited at our next meeting.

Town signs

Sue has spoken with Lianna and Dan Davis and these will be installed by Dan and the town crew soon.

Benches Project

- This project was started by Judy and Melissa in the spring of this year. Locations were scouted and the committee decided to purchase 6-8 benches at that time.
- The committee decided to ask the selectboard to purchase 10. 4 doubles and 6 singles.
- Katherine has volunteered to look into a site to purchase benches and to have a cost estimate to take to the selectboard at or before our next meeting.
- Judy and Melissa will scout locations again to clarify.
- Sue will discuss installation and possible security features with Lianna.
- Jess asked about flowers or shrubs to beautify the bench locations. This was shelved for further discussion after the benches are installed.

Town Bulletin Board options

- Sue questioned the purpose of the board and who would be responsible for its upkeep.
- Claudia will explore options for the board and possible locations.

The next meeting will take place Wednesday, October 11 @ 5:00.

Jess moved to adjourn, Claudia seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Hoisington, committee secretary.