

Village Enhancement Committee

Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024
Location: Webster Hall
Time: 5:00-6:30
Topics: Utility Box Art Project, East River Project, Benches, Bulletin Board update
Present: Sue Davis, Jan Royall, Judy Lewald, Claudia Diller, Melissa Hoisington, Jesse Beers, Katherine Donnelly

- Approval of December, 2023 minutes; all approved
- Patty Thomas will be paid \$1000. for her work on the utility box.
- **East River Project update:** Discussion of a change in needs since the 2 recent floods. Jan has connected with Mark Wahl. He wants to check in with the DOT for a final OK for what needs to be done due to storm damage.

Claudia suggested bringing in sod.

Sue has talked to Billy Gilmore about bringing in large boulders close to the riverbank to help prevent further erosion.

It was agreed that a lot more information needs to be gathered before moving forward and also that Mark Wahl should be present when we present to the selectboard.

- **Benches Project update: Action items:** Sue will confirm with Liana about the ordering of the benches. Judy will collect landowner permission forms.
- **Bulletin Board update:** The selectboard opposed this idea due to a lack of maintenance on former similar projects. The board suggested a lighted sign to announce town meetings/events. The VEC opposes this idea.

Sue and Claudia discussed working on a weekly newsletter.

- Other items / future projects:

Brainstorm of ideas-

- sidewalk plow
- electric car chargers

- information center
- banners

There followed a discussion to clarify the mission of the VEC. **Action item:** All members should read through the manual and bring ideas for new projects to the next meeting.

Action item: Sue will speak with Liana about TIF training for new VEC members.

Melissa motioned to adjourn, Judy seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 14, 2023 @ 5:00, Webster Hall
Respectfully submitted by Melissa Hoisington, committee secretary.