

Village Enhancement Committee

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Location: Webster Hall

Time: 5:00-6:00

Topics: New committee member, Dam access, benches, Kingfield website, charging stations, flower planter barrels, fence on Main St., Rt. 27 tour with MaineDOT

Present: Sue Davis, Jan Royall, Judy Lewald, Claudia Diller, Melissa Hoisington, Katherine Donnelly

- Sue called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM
- Approval of April 10, 2024 minutes; Jan moved to approve, Claudia seconded, all in favor.
- Nycola Hanczar is interested in becoming a member.
- “Dam Project” permit has been approved. Jan suggested hiring Mark Wahl to be our consultant and to write the bid package? Does he have a contractor that he would recommend? Jan suggested having Mark Wahl consult on site with whoever is hired.
- Permission slips from landowners for benches—all landowners have been contacted and given permission slips. The Masons do not want a bench in front of their hall. We will ask the MacMichaels if it can be placed in front of their building. Only one slip has been returned to the town office. Judy and Melissa will follow up with landowners before the next meeting.
- Kingfield Town Website- Katherine and Claudia are working on improvements. Claudia suggested adding a link to the town news page on Facebook. The VEC members recommend looking for a third party to build the website and to maintain it.
- We will drop the charging station project. The selectboard is working on this.
- Town flower planter barrels—the MacMichaels would like to plant and maintain them. The town wants them back for storage. Barrels need to be painted. Katherine will ask Polly about their plan to paint the barrels.
- The fence between the Larrabee and Mitchell buildings—the MacMichaels now own these buildings and would like to take this fence down. Claudia will check in with Leanna.
- Rt. 27 tour with MaineDOT Landscape architect, Larry Johannson—Claudia, Sue, and Jan went on an extended and informative walk with Larry. He recommended plantings and sculptures to improve the look of the town. These ideas will be discussed at later meetings.
- Town Business Association—Claudia has discussed this with Julie Swain. Businesses need to form a group. The VEC can help with projects. VEC members would like to attend meetings to hear ideas and concerns.
- Painting buildings—Jan spoke with Susan Mason. She suggested a yearly lottery for building owners who would like their buildings painted. Our suggestion is to brainstorm a list of historic colors for building owners to choose from.

Katherine motioned to adjourn @ 6:00 pm, Jan seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 12 @ 5:00 pm, Webster Hall
Respectfully submitted by Melissa Hoisington, committee secretary.