

Conway Village Fire District
Main Street Enhancement Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2015
Conway Public Library

The meeting was called to order at 3:32pm

Committee members present: Tad Furtado, Eric Cullen, and Mike Digregorio. Absent: Mary Seavey and Ricky Grever.

The meeting was called to order and we reviewed the previous meeting minutes. They were adopted without objection.

Tad provided an update of the status of our grant information gathering. He explained that the NH DOT streetscape grant can not be reactivated, but that DOT gave him some additional leads for funding sources. Tad also described conversations with the Town about CDBG grants and the process for applying. Discussion continued about the CDBG grants and their requirements and Conway's fit for them.

Janine and Charlie Bean, as members of the public, arrived at 3:48.

Tad explained that several of the additional sources he reached out to needed additional information about the scope of any project before they could provide useful information. Discussion included project ideas, but the consensus was that because we didn't have a firm idea of what was possible that it was hard to make any real progress providing this information. Although it was the view of all three committee members that after redoing the sidewalks in as an aesthetic manner as possible, burying the utility lines on Main Street might be the next highest goal.

Discussion also occurred on private funding sources and the pros and cons of them, especially as it might relate to ideas such as burying utility lines.

Mike provided an update on where things stood with the conversation between the Town and District. A recently scheduled meeting was canceled but they were working to have it as soon as possible. Mike described his views on the need to protect District assets and the funds the taxpayers put aside for enhancements – not just basic construction.

Janine and Charlie added background information about the project in North Conway that led to their sidewalks and how the Town was involved.

Discussion next involved the rec trail projects throughout town and how they might be incorporated into the Main Street project. Janine mentioned the trail around portions of Pequawket Pond. Tad mentioned that with the new senior housing being built at Conway Pines, they were going to connect to the trails along the river between Tech Village, behind the trailer park and all the way to the police station. Having some way to join that network to Main Street could be part of a nice way to better connect the Town. All agreed it was worth looking into.

Tad added that conversations he has had with the MWV Preservation Assn. were positive and that it was probable that if we wanted to adopt a similar paver program like used in North Conway, the MWVPA would agree to manage the sales and process like they do there.

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for December 9 at 4:30pm so that additional Committee members should be able to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37pm.

Submitted,

Tad Furtado
Committee Chair