

LOWER VILLAGE MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2017

APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting/ Laura, Miriam 2nd. Minutes approved.

POLICE UPDATE – Sgt. Eric O’Brien

Nothing to report.

LANIGAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT UPDATE – Laura Dolce

Laura reported that on Friday the 10th of February the pedestrian walkway will be completed and open. The C of C is hoping to have some type of ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate. The chamber has Bridge Survival Kits for nearby residents which include earplugs as the demolition will be taking place 24 hours a day. Greg asked Chris O. if the LV Committee members should take a poll regarding the 24 hour a day demolition (no). Dick Morin suggested more signage for the folks. Info is in newspapers and on the C of C FaceBook page. Local restaurants are offering “demo cocktails”, Alisson’s is hosting a demo party. There is talk of a 24 hour cam being installed on the bridge. Currently the bridge is scheduled to be closed March 6- April 19th These dates could vary slightly (contractor is bound to a 45 day full closure of the road or penalties”). Greg commented that in May getting across town with one lane could be very challenging as people are not good about navigating the light in a timely fashion and backups are occurring on weekends even in the winter.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE - Laura Dolce

Largest chambers of the state have been ranked and we are #10. March 13th 2:00PM to 5:00PM is the chamber Job Fair. February 8th and 9th the chamber is hosting two town planning workshops and it would be beneficial for members of town committee members to attend. Meetings will be at the new KSB facility.

PARKING UPDATE FOR PORT ROAD – Chris O.

Eric Labelle was not present at today’s meeting but did have a prior conversation with Chris O. Chris explained that at the present time the town ordinance was for 2 hour parking and if any striping was added a reduction in parking spots would be seen. Greg suggested to just shift the lane widths and ignore parking spaces. Chris felt that there are opportunities but he doesn’t like to do things halfway. No decision was made.

BEACH PARKING – Matt Edy

Board of Selectman will vote to appoint a committee. Nice letter was received from Gerry Havlin. At the LVC November meeting there was discussion about not doing a survey and to try the less expensive approach to mark with signage. Maureen brought up the fact that there is no bicycle parking at all at the beach. Chris O. and Matt E. will discuss. Matt spoke of RFQ for Lower Village and is looking for 2 LVC members. No definite details for time was given so most were hesitant. Laura and Nina volunteered.

LOWER VILLAGE DESIGN STANDARDS - Betsy, Greg, Nina, Miriam & Pat on committee
The Rte 1 South design standards were used as a template for Lower Village. If the LVC approved the suggestions today then it would go to the planning board for them to use as a starting point and they would have at least 2 meetings on the issue and then Selectmen would meet 2 times. After a very long discussion it was suggested by Chris O and Matt E to remove words/ I should, would, could and replace with/will, shall. Greg made the point that the committee did their job and that it should go to the planning board for them to make those edits but Matt E and Chris O urged committee to make the changes. Dick Moring and Matt E. stated that it would not be June but more like November anyway.

BENCHES - Nina & Laura (cost \$1000.00 each)

After a walk through the village, areas to place the benches were found;

1. Tia's
2. Trolley Stop (across from Old Vines)
3. Chamber
4. HB Provisions

Five businesses have offered to purchase a bench with a plaque.

1. Pack Maynard
2. Kennebunk Beach Realty
3. Coffee Roasters
4. Old Vines
5. HB Provisions

Plan to talk to Village Marketplace and the Senior Center about whether they want/need benches.

General Discussion: Greg would like to see ART (maybe sculptures) around the village and possibly work with River Tree Arts for help/ideas. Alice from RTA was visiting Quebec and said that murals on the sides of buildings looked nice. Discussion about where the sculptures could be stored in the off season.

SELECTMEN UPDATE

Dick Morin said that the selectmen were "up to their eyeballs" with the town budgets.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Nina/2nd Laura

Committee Members present;

1. Greg Burke
2. Pat Foley
3. Laura Dolce
4. Nina Spencer
5. Miriam Whitehouse

Others Present

1. Joe Newpol
2. Maureen Phillips
3. Rick Taranto
4. Mathew Eddy
5. Eric O'Brien - KPD
6. Chuck Reid
7. Dick Morin - Selectman
8. Chris Osterrieder
9. Alice Eagleson
10. Chris Smith
11. Edith Lambert