

Present:

Ahmed Ciangiulli
Haven Andrews
Sylvia Cavanaugh
Lisa Emmons
Lorraine Burr
Arlene Salvati

Absent:

Amy Tyson
Tucker Smith
Cynthia Walker

Guests:

Laura Snyder Smith
John Damon
Kathy Damon
Chris Cluff
Paul Demers
Chris Osterrieder
Betsy MacDonald
Blake Baldwin

Due to his increasing work commitments, Tucker Smith will not be renewing his position.

At the August 4th meeting, voting for Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary positions will be held.

Movie night at the Waterhouse Center was discussed. Everyone is in favor of having a movie viewing, however, some details need to be considered. Is there a discount for multiple movies? What about the dates and time, for the event? Blake Baldwin indicated the projectors at the Waterhouse Center may need to be replaced, due to how the images are now projected on the screen at different times of the day. Blake said he will give a demonstration and inform us of the date and time.

John Damon addressed the Downtown Committee about Zoning Ordinance Article 8, Section 6.8.7-3, which is an ordinance change of renting of Bed and Breakfast rooms. It would increase from 4 to 6 rooms. The question, put forth, was whether it will bring revenue to the town and promote local businesses, while preserving our beautiful "historic" homes and values.

The Downtown Committee neither endorses nor rejects the Zoning Ordinance, as we remain neutral.

Paul Demers spoke about signage guidelines. Sandwich boards were the focus of the discussion. According to the current regulation, a business is allowed to have a sandwich board, no more than 20 feet from their business. Businesses have to apply for permits when they would like to have their sandwich board displayed, and pay a fee of thirty dollars (\$30) per permit application. If there is a special consideration, a business can ask for an amendment to the ordinance.

Chris Osterrieder discussed Downtown parking issues with the Committee. There are about 500 parking spaces within the area. Signage problems included: parking and safety on Ross Block; reserved parking by the Pytheon Building. The issues will be researched and the findings will be revisited and discussed at a later time.

Anne Ball, who is the program coordinator for Healthy Main Streets, which the Town of Kennebunk is a participant, is now Interim Director of Maine Downtown Center (MDC) for 6-7 months. Anne will decide when someone from the MDC will attend our meetings. She and I look forward to a good partnership with MDC.

The idea of hosting a Health Fair, next year, between the Downtown Committee and the Economic Development Committee was discussed. This would be a way, in which, the two committees would work more closely together. The topic was readily accepted by the Committee.

The next Downtown Committee meeting is Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 8am in room 300.

Submitted by:

Ahmed Ciangiulli, June 7 2016