

Lower Village Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2016
Washington Hose

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.
2. A motion was made to approve September, 2016 minutes. Seconded and approved.
3. There was a discussion about making a disbursement from the Lower Village funds to share (with the property owner, David Leonard) the cost of carving a large tree stump on Western Avenue into a sculpture that would enhance the immediate area and attract tourists. Burke made a motion to approve the \$1500 expenditure. It was seconded. The vote was four to one in favor. The recommendation was to be passed along to the Selectmen for their approval (NB the project was unanimously approved by the Selectmen and completed in late October).
4. There was a police report from Eric O'Brien. There was not much to report. Laura Dolce asked about emergency vehicle procedures when the bridge is down to one lane. Follow up on this question is needed.
5. Bonnie Clement has resigned from the committee after 8 years of service. She will be missed and has promised to stay involved. Currently there is 1 Committee member opening as well as 2 alternate positions. Interested parties should fill out an application on line on the Town of Kennebunk website. Miriam Whitehouse expressed an interest in applying as did Nina Spencer. (NB Whitehouse was approved by the Selectmen later in October.)
6. There was a Chamber update from Dolce –
 - a. The Lanigan Bridge work is to start 10/17. One lane closure to start 10/24 (NB these dates were later changed). Some larger vehicles will be diverted to Durrell's Bridge. There will always be pedestrian access over the bridge. There are incentives built in to the contract to finish on time. The next bridge committee meeting is Thursday 10/6.
 - b. Cruise Ship and Tour buses are still showing up unannounced creating congestion and some confusion about bus parking.
 - c. The Chamber is having a scarecrow contest for Halloween.
 - d. 10/31/16 Monday will be trick or treating in Lower Village and the Kennebunkport Dock Square area. Orange and black balloons will designate if the shop or business is giving out candy or treats.
 - e. A ghost ship party is scheduled for 10/20 aboard the Spirit of Massachusetts.

- f. The Chamber is offering a Robert Brooks Video series on how to make a great community
 - g. Prelude Shuttles will be offered both weekends and for the Fire and Ice Partly on the second weekend.
 - h. The Chamber has scheduled a fair for local non-profits in October.
 - i. Small business Saturday and Pajama shopping day is scheduled for Saturday 11/26.
7. Foley and Smith met with Paul Demers (CEO), Mat Eddy (Economic Development) and Chris Osterrieder (Community Development) last week. They discussed infrastructure upgrades for Lower Village, benches, totem poles, design standards, etc. The bottom line is that major work on the roads and sidewalks has now been pushed out from 2018 to 2019.
 - a. The good news is that there is a proposal to fund a Master Plan for Lower Village upgrades to enhance the built environment to the benefit of businesses, residents and tourists. The Plan will be developed with active participation from the Community - both businesses and residents.
 - b. Totem Pole Signage - Osterrieder has committed to drafting a totem pole sign ordinance. The consensus is they will need to be on private property. The steps are 1. A proposal to the Planning Board followed by 2. Approval by the Selectman 3. June Town ballot.
 - c. Regarding Design Standards - it is felt they are very complicated and the Lower Village Committee is really not qualified to move forward with that issue. Betsy will ask the planning board to add Lower Village Design Standards to their agenda. (NB PB workshop scheduled for November 14 – all encouraged to attend.)
8. A Committee Workshop is scheduled by the Selectmen on 10/4. Committee structures, bylaws, membership, missions, etc. will be discussed.
9. The next meeting will be Monday 11/7 at 8 am at the Washington Hose Fire Company.
10. There was a motion to adjourn. Seconded and approved.

Attendees -

Committee Members

Betsy Smith – Co Chair

Wendy Ross - Secretary

Greg Burke

Laura Dolce
Pat Foley

Other guests

Mat Eddy, Economic Development
Eric O'Brien, Kennebunk Police Department
Nina Spencer
Edie Lamberts
Miriam Whitehouse
Jill Lalumiere
Judy Forsley
Sandra Duckett
William Duckett