

Blair Square Committee

Minutes

January 5, 2022

Room 200 and via zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Conley at 6:30 pm

Present in person: K. Conley, M. Ellis, and W. McGrath

Present on zoom: G. Rice, P. Barbieri, E. Woodhouse B. Sparrell, and I. Daniels

A motion was made by K. Conley, seconded by E. Woodhouse to approve the minutes of November 16, 2021. Motion approved on a roll call vote.

K. Conley reported on the meeting he had with James Keast about the CPC grant. Since that meeting R. Andreola has taken charge of preparing the CPC grant.

K. Conley expressed how pleased he was with the document. Others agreed with his opinion. G. Rice asked if the document could be shared with others. I. Daniels asked if anyone knew if the CPC wanted the document in hard copy or via computer.

I. Daniels brought up some areas of the document that still needed input, such as the cost/benefit of the project. It was agreed that the area around the square would increase in value because of the park and that many businesses would also benefit. Ongoing maintenance needs to be discussed with the select board. I. Daniels asked if we should state other monies that the CPC has given to other projects. It was agreed that this would be better stated in person.

B. Sparrell said he thought that the committee needs to go before the select board. Maintenance of areas in town is on the select board agenda for Monday and includes Blair Square. K. Conley asked if he could get on the agenda for that meeting. B. Sparrell thought the agenda was quite full, but he could attend in person or via zoom during the comment period.

W. McGrath made a motion, seconded by P. Barbieri to approve the CPC application. The motion was approved on a roll call vote with G. Rice voting no because a funding question in the document which had not yet come before the Friends of the Rail Trail.

R. Weidknecht sent K. Conley some other grants that might also be available to the committee. K. Conley was going to discuss those with T. Ahern.

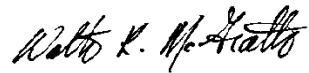
K. Conley asked if any committee members have comments:

M. Ellis asked about the bike rack locations once the trail was moved. No other comments from the committee.

K. Conley asked that he get the final CPC draft so that he could have it for the select board meeting on Monday which he plans to attend and to send to the CPC.

A motion was made by P. Barbieri, seconded by W. McGrath to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. The motion was approved on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter R. McGrath". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Walter R. McGrath, Clerk