

## **Blair Square Committee**

### **Minutes**

**August 17, 2020**

### **Via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Conley at 6:01 pm. The chairman read the required statement from the state on virtual meetings.

A voice role call was taken:

Members present: K. Conley, G. Rice, E. Woodhouse, W. McGrath, P. Barbieri, S. Lively

Non- Members present: H. Brockett, M. Ellis, I. Daniels, R. Harold

K. Conley mentioned that we are on the agenda for the select board meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup>. We will post the meeting with the town clerk and S. Lively agreed to read the disclaimer for the committee.

A brief discussion arose on Choate Park in Medway. G. Rice mentioned that she thought they had spent over \$4,000,000 on the park.

Sean Reese said that they would pick up a couple of trash barrels at Blair Square as long as they did not contain dog waste. G. Rice said that she would get “dog waste only” stickers for the dog waste barrels at the square.

A discussion arose on having the “Rail Trail Snack Shop” provide public bathrooms. They would need to have the septic system on trail property. P. Barbieri said that it would be possible to create an easement for this that would also extend to future owners of the building. The committee seemed to like the idea as it could also be used by the trail to provide bathrooms in the future. P. Barbieri will follow up on this.

The possibility of a grant for a “Farmers Market” was discussed. E. Woodhouse was going to follow up on this with the interested parties.

The grading of the trail was discussed to make sure that it would be ADA accessible. I. Daniels felt that this would not be a problem as they could build up the sides if needed to make this happen.

The Rail Trail Committee said that they would like to see an historic type structure on the site. The committee seemed to like the drawing that I. Daniels had distributed earlier.

S. Lively asked if we could get an aerial view to overlay on the plan. R. Harold said that this could be done.

The select board is looking at making Front St. a one-way. This would be to our benefit and help with parking.

The possibility of having a water fountain for both people and animals was briefly discussed. A good idea but also has issues in the winter.

Some discussion arose on the Casey side of the property. Basically on who would be doing what work.

I. Daniels spoke about the plan we would use for the public to view as well as the preparing of design and construction documents. Will try and have the plan ready for the select board meeting next week.

At this time K. Conley asked the committee members for their comments:

W. McGrath would like to see the type of structure settled.

G. Rice would like to know what is a bare minimum that we are willing to support

S. Lively wants to make sure that any improvements that require maintenance will be supported by the town government and operating departments.

H. Brockett said we need to nail down the structure and the seating area

M. Ellis agreed that we need to decide on the structure

P. Barbieri said he would like to see kiosks for the businesses and maybe a mural of the town with businesses located on it.

Others had no comment at this time.

K. Conley reminded E. Woodhouse that he would work on the Farmers Market grant and that G. Rice would take care of the decals for the dog waste stations.

G. Rice mentioned that the fence behind Casey's might be a good place for the mural.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm with a roll call of the members approving.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Walter R. McGrath, Clerk