

Blair Square Committee

Minutes

September 14, 2020

Via Zoom

Chairman Conley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. W. McGrath read the Governor's statement for the open meeting law.

A voice roll call was taken:

A motion was made by P. Barbieri, seconded by H. Brockett to approve the minutes of the meetings of August 3rd and August 17th. Motion approved on an individual voice vote, no negative votes.

Present: K. Conley, G. Rice, P. Barbieri, S. Lively, E. Woodhouse, I. Daniels, R. Harrold, B. Sparrell and Matt Zettek the town's sustainability coordinator

K. Conley introduced. M. Zettek the sustainability coordinator

H. Brocket gave an update on the progress thus far behind Casey's. Most of the drainage work will be completed this week. Murray will come back and grind the old pavement then put down a binder coat for the winter. S. Lively asked if the trail was going to get binder? H. Brocket said no. No fencing will be installed until spring. All work should be completed by the end of October.

K. Conley said that we had approved the site plan minus the structure. There will be flower beds, but no irrigation, just something to connect a water hose. B. Sparrell questioned the cost to bring water to the site.

K. Conley suggested that we have a roll call vote to bring water to the site. A roll call voice vote was taken. Motion approved unanimously.

A discussion arose about removing or relocating the trees that have been donated to the site. It was suggested that we have Mark Aronhnian look at them to see if they can be moved.

The current electric service is probably not located in the right spot going forward. I. Daniels and R. Harrold will work on relocating the electric service to ensure that there are outlets where needed.

P. Barbieri told the committee that the soil testing for the septic system would probably be done this week.

A discussion arose on the type of structure for the site. G. Rice agreed to put together a PowerPoint presentation with all the structures that we have seen thus far so that we can hopefully decide on one of them at our next meeting.

A discussion arose about approaching the CPC for the funding of the \$5,000 to get the concept plans done.

B. Sparrell reported on the Front Street project that has been approved and work will be done by October 9, 2020. CPC has an article already on the warrant. He also suggested that we place the request for the \$5,000 on the town warrant.

K. Conley asked the group if we thought we should have a Facebook page for the Blair Square project to get comments from the public. After some discussion, it was agreed to hold off on this to a later time.

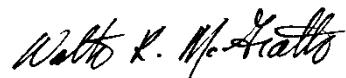
The committee briefly discussed putting cameras at the square. S. Lively said they have them at Stoddard Park and are loop cameras that only get looked at if there is an event. Fairly inexpensive.

A suggestion was made by K. Conley, to ask G. Rice to approach the Friends of the Rail Trail for the \$5,000 for concept plans. The suggestion was approved on a voice vote, with no negative votes.

I. Daniels brought up the veterans memorial and asked about her doing the design work. McGrath stated that the veterans were doing this. R. Harrold said that because of its location, it should blend in with the remainder of the square. G. Rice mentioned that there was special granite that is approved for the benches and would the veteran's memorial be using the same type. McGrath again stated that he felt the memorial was up to the veterans.

A motion was made by McGrath, seconded by E. Woodhouse to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Motion approved on an individual unanimous voice 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