

Blair Square Committee

Minutes

January 12, 2021

Via Zoom

Present: K. Conley, H. Brockett, E. Woodhouse, P. Barbieri, G. Rice, W. McGrath, I. Daniels, R. Harrold, B. Sparrell

K. Conley called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm with a roll call of attendees. W. McGrath read the required open meeting law statement.

K. Conley gave the dates for town meeting which will be May 10, 2021 and special town meeting which will be October 25, 2021.

K. Conley suggested that we might want to go to the select board with our progress thus far and see what they want us to do. Do they want us to continue or since we have no funding should we disband the committee.

G. Rice asked if we were still going to seek a grant from the state. Some discussion arose around this as the Rail Trail has submitted for the grant as well. G. Rice was going to check to see if we could still file. R. Harrold said they have the information required for the grant. B. Sparrell said the grant for the Rail Trail was approved by the select board.

B. Sparrell said the select board is holding a forum next Tuesday night (Jan. 19th) on Front Street. P. Barbieri suggested that we sent a letter to the select board to have the street one-way and without sidewalks. P. Barbieri made a motion, seconded by K. Conley to send the letter to the select board with our comments. Motion approved on a roll call vote.

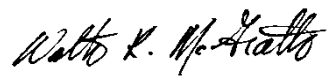
K. Conley asked if we should have the public meeting before going to the select board. The committee thought it best to have the public meeting before going to the select board. I. Daniels said we have the plan we can show and we can have a public meeting on zoom. It was suggested that we have the public meeting in early February and plan to go to the select board mid-February. P. Barbieri asked what if any, the public meeting could have on the grant. H. Brockett was going to check with R. Weidknecht of the Rail Trail.

K. Conley brought up moving the veterans memorial further down the trail. H. Brockett gave some of the reasons for this move. It would allow us to begin construction sooner; it is a quieter spot right across from Vine Street. Little to no tree removal. H. Brockett said he had discussed this with the Rail Trail people and several others and no one had a problem. H. Brockett said he felt the Blair Square Committee needed to agree to this. The committee had

no problem with moving the memorial but felt it should still blend in with the overall concept of the area and they would like to see a plan of the memorial before agreeing. H. Brockett will bring a plan to the committee at our next meeting.

A motion was made by P. Barbieri, seconded by W. McGrath to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 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 script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Walter" and last name "McGrath" clearly distinguishable.

Walter R. McGrath, Clerk