Blair Square Committee

Minutes

October 12, 2021

Room 200

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

Present: K. Conley, S. Lively, G. Rice, E. Woodhouse, H. Brockett

A motion was made by W. McGrath, seconded by S. Lively to accept the minutes of the meeting on August 31, 2021. Motion approved.

K. Conley mentioned that Carolyn Dykema would like us to have a meeting with the abutters of Blair Square. After some discussion, it was agreed that K. Conley would get the list and send them a letter to meet at the site.

K. Conley went through a list of organizations that have submitted a letter of support and then went through a list of those he is hoping to get letters from.

There was a discussion on applying for the same grant that we received for the Casey property. G. Rice mentioned that the deadline for that was February. It was suggested that P. Barbieri talk with Karen Sherman about the grant.

It was suggested that we break out the project in stages and to then prioritize those items so that we could get funding for the ones we need and maybe donations for others. This would help us to reduce some of the costs by getting "in kind services" as well.

K. Conley mentioned that we should have all our ducks in a row prior to spring town meeting when we are going to ask for funding.

A discussion arose on items to be donated to the site. G. Rice mentioned that we should not accept any gifts "in memory of" as that has caused some problems for the Rail Trail Committee. It was suggested that maybe it would read instead "donated by".

K. Conley mentioned that he was going to set up a table at the fall town meeting to show people the plan and discuss the renovations.

The next meeting of the committee is tentatively scheduled for November 16, 2021.

A motion was made by S. Lively, seconded by H. Brockett to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Noto K. M. Fratto

Walter R. McGrath, Clerk