



Village Steering Committee

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Meeting Minutes March 10, 2014

Members Present: Michael Buscher, Jeff French, Catherine Goldsmith, Mary Hurlie, Rolf Kielman, Jane Starkweather

1. Approve minutes from the January 13th meeting. – approved, minutes approved
2. Julie Campoli is speaking at the Town Hall this Tuesday, March 11th at 7 PM. Topic is made for Walking. Discuss any further publicity and logistics of the evening. She is coming at 6:30 p.m., may need help to set up. Jeff and Jane will be unable to attend. Catherine can come and help set up at 6:30 p.m. Have hopes of a good turnout as it has been on FPF, email list to business contacts, and Hinesburg Gov't.
3. Memorial Park plan. Mike to update us on the status of the design and on the status of the situation with the trees and the right of way. Rolf to report on further conversation with the Town tree warden, Paul Wiczoreck and possibility of grant applications. No update to report on further design. Waiting on state approval, with Joe C leaving end of the month, will interface with Andrea M on the Select Board to follow through and confirmation for VSC to directly interface with state.
4. Benches and plaques. Review bench status. Look at bench in person and plaque situation. Bench will be in the room for review. Jane found a new aluminum oxide that can help maintain the plaques from eroding. Will bring benches over. Rolf stated the other benches have almost been completed. Elementary school is helping put some together with Rolf's supervision as a fun project. Also interfacing with kids to help design benches that we can use for our parks, think it will be a fun project for the town and school.
5. New Members status? There may be an addition attending tonight? Mary Hurlie was interviewed by the Select Board and approved. We welcome her!
6. Sidewalk update. Select Board approves proceeding with Charlotte Road to School section. Further news and actions? VSC is glad to hear that this was approved for overall walkability throughout town. Discussed possible future enhancement grants of State/Federal grants to complete sidewalk build out and repairs along Route 116. Catherine to follow up with Alex W. on how to obtain and file an application for these grants.

7. Blackrock development. VSC to review. Jeff attended joint committee meeting. First DRB hearing conducted. VSC to consider further response to plan as submitted. Ben Avery from Blackrock would like to attend a VSC meeting once we have had a chance to review and have feedback. Next Committee group meeting is planned to be around March 18 DRB meeting. Written comments by March 12. (two days)
8. Review of historic structure preservation within the Village district and what actions the VSC might take going forward. Discussion? Outcome of discussion with the Preservation Trust? Jeff to review regulations in regards to the town policies on protecting older structures in town.

Reviewed the plans of Mountain Lakes NJ and their approach to historical preservation. Jeff to follow up with Preservation Trust to do a talk on merits of historical preservation.

Alex wanted to know if we wanted to have a talk about tax credits for historic preservation. Jeff to follow up on overall program to make town aware of historical preservation, talks, campaigns, etc.

9. 116 Committee and upcoming recommendations. Rolf to report on current status.

Some topics discussed were options of privatizing Route 116, walkable pedestrian ways, roundabouts. Nothing has been defined in a final report from that committee yet.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff French
Recording Secretary