

WOLFEBORO HERITAGE COMMISSION
MEETING JULY 14, 2021
5pm at WOLFEBORO Town Hall

In attendance:

Kathy Barnard - Planning Board Chair & Charrette Steering Committee member.
Christine Collins - Rec. Dept. Director & Charrette Steering Committee member
Maggie Stier - Heritage Commission Chair & Charrette Steering Committee member
Cindy Melanson - Heritage Commission member
Vaune Dugan - Heritage Commission member
Suzanne Ryan - Heritage Commission member
Dave Bolduc - Heritage Commission member
Mark Lush - Heritage Commission member (alternate)
Anne Blodget - Heritage Commission member & Charrette Steering Committee member
Tavis Austin - Town Planner

Maggie Stier called the meeting to order around 5pm and welcomed Mark Lush as a new Heritage commission member (alternate).
The minutes of June 16th meeting were approved.

Introductions were made around the room of the Charrette Steering Committee members and Commission members present. The Steering Committee is still being formed and complete list will follow in the future.

Charrette:

Plan NH is almost finalized and awaiting Board of Selectmen letter from template as delivered to them 1 week ago. In-person being planned.

Other letters of support have been requested and are coming in.

The Charrette purpose was discussed and reinforced to craft a community vision for the subject area with the following goals;

1. Preservation and enhancement of historic character and beautification of streetscape as this area evolves and redevelops, including new uses and rehabilitation of town-owned buildings.
2. Linking the downtown and the Back Bay commercial area, continuing to support mixed commercial, residential and municipal use, from the downtown train station and Freight House along the rail trail, Glendon Street, Lehner Street, playing fields, and adjacent portions of Center Street.
3. Encouraging pedestrian connections between the downtown and the Back Bay shopping and recreation areas.
4. Improving recreational and social opportunities in the focus area for all age groups

Map and scope of Charrette target area was discussed at great length. Final map available through Tavis and is attached.*

For Community - It will be termed something like CHARRETTE WOLFEBORO - in conjunction with PlanNH

Once Selectmen have actually signed, we will begin to publicize dates and timing of public participation. (Friday October 22 afternoon and evening for public listening & Saturday- Public regroups for presentation of results at 3pm). Brainstorming and plan formatting occurs at all other times.

Route 28 improvements. NH DOT has WOLFEBORO back on the docket for improvements to Route 28 from Pickering Corner to the Alton town line. Cindy Melanson, a member of the town Route 28 study committee informed us the committee is reconvening. Rebecca Martin of DOT has also contacted both the Heritage Commission and the Historical Society for comments on historically significant elements within the scope of project.

According to Cindy Melanson, member of the town's Route 28 Study Committee, Pickering Corner is "in failure" and none of the remedies ('as is', roundabout, or traffic light) will alleviate that condition.

Maggie Stier asked for the Heritage Commission's support to sign on as a consulting party to the DOT process.

Motion by Suzanne Ryan: The Wolfeboro Heritage Commission supports the request for "consulting party status" with NH DOT for Maggie Stier, chairman of the Wolfeboro Heritage Commission. Seconded by Cindy Melanson. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Blodget
7/14/21

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