

Heritage Commission Meeting, November 10, 2021

MINUTES

BMH Planning Dept. Conference Room

Members present:

Maggie Stier (Chair), Vaune Dugan (Temp. Secretary) Suzanne Ryan (Vice-chair), Anne Blodget., David Bolduc, Luke Freudenberg (BOS liaison), Kathy Barnard (Planning Board), Denise Roy-Palmer (WEDCo)

Members Absent: Ronn Bronzetti, Cindy Melanson

- I. Meeting called to order, 5:00 pm
- II. Acceptance of Minutes of Oct 13 meeting. Tabled.
- III. **Charrette Follow-up Discussion:** Take a 20-year view! Pick “Low Hanging Fruit” and focus first on things that are popular and easier to implement. Continue dialogue with property owners and townspeople. Should HC play a coordinating role with other groups take on action items, or should we ask that BOS appoint a new committee for charrette follow up?
 - a. Top 3 ideas:
 - i. Make a small park on Back Bay adjacent to train station, removing parking along waterfront. Fix docks.
 - ii. Move the Playground at Foss field near the existing pavilion; reconfigure and add parking where it was
 - iii. Hold Lehner Street Stakeholders meeting with Planning Board
 - b. Other comments: Establish priorities and identify specific areas and groups for implementation:
 - c. Always accent the tradeoffs for Public Good
 - d. Share recommendations with existing groups: RR Station Comm., Parks & Rec, Public Works, CIP Committee, Route 28 Study Committee, Planning Board, BOS
 - e. Send BOS direction on how to best achieve implementation. Consider breaking recommendations down into 2 year, 3-5 year, and 5-10 year increments.
 - f. Suggestion that we wait for the final Charrette Report which is due at earliest the end of January.

- IV. Warrant Article for town wide historic resources survey
 - a. Wording should be finalized by Dec 1st . Suzanne coordinating submission.
 - b. Maggie to redraft and include more detail, i.e.. Master Plan goal, Heritage Commission Charter, and specifics of what \$17k product provides.
 - c. Provide a suitable example for review.
- V. Planning Board proposed articles (passed)
- VI. Libby Update: Luke said that an MOU between the Town and the Friends has just been signed and a business plan will be done with the eventual goal to have the Libby pay for itself and possibly be taken over by the Friends at some future time. Protection clause for the building and park across the road would remain in place, per terms of Libby estate gift to town.
- VII. Other Business: Bridge Falls Path Lighting. Suggested we get text of proposed warrant article and designs to review. Add this and lighting for park on Back Bay to agenda for next meeting.

Next Meeting Scheduled: 3 PM on December 1st (subject to change)

Meeting Adjourned 6:25 PM