

Charrette Follow-up Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 8, 2022

Members present: Maggie Stier, Suzanne Ryan, Vaune Dugan, Kathy Barnard, Roger Murray, Kathy Fairman, and Linda Murray. Recording Secretary Amy Capone Muccio

Chairman Stier opened the meeting at 10:00 AM

1. Acceptance of minutes November 10, 2022

It was moved by Kathy Barnard and seconded by Vaune Dugan to accept the minutes of November 10, 2022, as submitted. Members voted all in favor, the motion passed.

2. Lehner Street area sidewalk debrief

Chairman Stier stated the group toured the Municipal Electric Building, Community Center, walked the path to the Foss Field Pavilion area. She noted that Carrie Duran provided them with an idea to replace the Foss Field playground with an adaptive playground.

Ms. Ryan questioned if they are currently violating any federal laws.

Ms. Barnard questioned if the Community Playground that is being rebuilt will include adaptive structures.

Mrs. Murray reached out to the chair of the Community Playground and reported that they do plan to have adaptive equipment. She does not know if they are violating any federal laws.

3. MED building plans

Chairman Stier question what the next step would be for this building. She noted the Heritage Commission is interested in applying to put this building on the seven to save list. The Community Center is a building that doesn't seem to be worth saving minus its original purpose historically.

The committee discussed options for the next steps to use these buildings such as connecting the groups that would have interest in using the facility for multi-use. Kathy Fairman volunteer to lead a subcommittee to compile a list of groups that may have in interest in the use. Amy Capone Muccio briefed the committee on what the Wolfeboro Senior Center and Meals plan to do on needs gathering for a Senior Center space.

4. Status reports: MED upgrade to substation work and fence upgrades; Lehner St sidewalks; other

Amy Capone Muccio reported she contacted Barry Muccio of the MED to provide the committee with an update on the substation fence project. Mr. Muccio reported that the landscaping efforts can be discussed further but at the time of the proposed project, the abutter, Mr. Whalen, wanted some screening but since has changed his mind as the screening would block his view of the water.

Ms. Dugan replied that she'd like to see some landscaping done to soften the look of the substation. The Committee will discuss further with MED.

5. Chamber Lease agreement

The Committee was provided with current lease of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce also sub leases the old nursery school portion of the building in the summer season.

Chairman Stier stated she feels this facility has some room for improvement as well as updated configuration/set up.

Ms. Ryan agreed they really should take a better look at this building's historical use as it is a valuable asset. Many towns have redone and repurposed old railroad stations in very unique ways.

Ms. Dugan recalls making some plans at one time for ideas on reuse, she would look those up and send them to the committee.

Mrs. Murray noted that this location houses the Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Wolfeboro information booth, both would need to be included in the use.

Ms. Fairman agreed this building is in critical need to upgrades especially the public restrooms. It would benefit from a reconfiguration.

The Committee continued discussing the idea of revamping the building to house a welcome/visitor center with a railroad themed designed.

6. Action Items or other

- Chairman Stier reported that Dan Schandel will provide Foss Field parking lot traffic update at the next meeting. He was unable to attend this meeting.
- The Committee agreed to more discussion on next steps for MED/Community Center and revisit with a list of options in January.
- The Committee agreed to discuss more on the Railroad Building update/upgrade ideas

7. Next Meeting Date -1/25/2023 @ 10 AM Great Hall

Being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11:30 AM.

It was moved by Suzanne Ryan and seconded by Vaune Dugan to adjourn, all in favor, the motion passed.