

Main Street Steering Committee

A Committee of the Bourne Financial Development Corporation
Focused on the revitalization of Bourne's Downtown

Minutes of the Meeting **DRAFT – DRAFT - DRAFT**
December 12, 2016
Bourne Community Center

Attending: Joe Carrara, Stephen Mealy, Marie Oliva, Sallie Riggs, George Sala, Kathryn Zagzebski.

Open meeting: Facilitator Sallie Riggs opened the meeting at 11:12 am.

Minutes: Sallie asked for any edits or corrections to the Minutes of the August 25, 2016 meeting. There being none it was MOVED, SECONDED and VOTED unanimously to approve the Minutes as circulated.

Facilitator's Comments: Sallie reported that, since the last meeting, the park project has moved forward dramatically. There were a few issues that mean that not all the items originally thought to be funded by the two CPA grants will be included in this phase. Specifically, there is no money for plantings or the irrigation system. The issues leading to the increased costs include:

- The General Contractor bids came in higher than budgeted.
- With the departure of the Town electrician, an electrical contractor was used.
- With the departure of the Facilities Manager, preparation of bid documents and construction oversight had to be outsourced.
- The connection to the water main will involve digging up a portion of Main Street because the main runs down the middle of the street.

Buzzards Bay Park: The discussion ranged widely covering various funding issues. The Committee will prepare an application for more CPA funds and will need to get a vote at the May Town Meeting allocating the full price of the project in order to be able to apply for one of the state grants. The possibility of a campaign for private funds to be used for naming benches and shelters was raised. Sallie noted that Weston & Sampson will prepare a list of prices for the next phase – it should be complete by the end of the week. Joe Carrara volunteered to research pavilions.

The need for a sign was also discussed, something that would show the community what the park will look like when the project is complete. Kathy Zagzebski volunteered to see if one of her contacts would help.

In discussing the need for formalizing the park's name there was consensus to seek names from the public. After the holidays, something could be set up on the Town's website.

Adjourn: The next meeting was set for January 4 at 10:30 am in the DPW conference room. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted


Sallie Riggs, Facilitator