

# Main Street Steering Committee

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

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## Minutes of the Meeting

December 14, 2015

Bourne Town Hall

Attending: Stephen Mealy, Coreen Moore, David O'Connor, Marie Oliva, Sallie Riggs, George Sala.

Open meeting: Facilitator Sallie Riggs opened the meeting at 10:35 am.

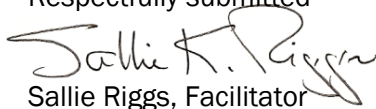
Minutes: Sallie asked for corrections or additions to the Minutes of May 11, 2015. There were no suggested changes and it was then MOVED, SECONDED and VOTED with one abstention to approve the Minutes of the meeting of May 11, 2015 as circulated.

Buzzards Bay Park: Sallie reported that the negotiations with the selected consultant are ongoing. Their price proposal is higher than expected. That, plus the fact that the Town is not eligible to apply for state and federal park restoration grants, means that the MSSC will have to request a second allocation of CPA funds from the Town's Community Preservation Committee. A discussion followed about the rationale for requesting additional funds and about the amount to be requested. The discussion included the consultant's price proposal. That led to a MOTION which was SECONDED and VOTED with one "no" vote to accept the second price proposal offered by the consultants. That led to additional discussion with no conclusion other than that there is dissatisfaction with the proposed cost.

Other business: Sallie brought up a concern expressed by a person who travels for business throughout the state: some hotels accept state funding to house homeless, leading to a less than pleasant experience for others who use the hotel. The person is concerned that that not happen in Buzzards Bay. She asked if some restriction or by-law could be formulated to prevent the new hotels from accepting such funds. There was little discussion, concluding with a suggestion that the state program be identified before any further discussion.

There being no updates or public comments, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted

  
Sallie Riggs, Facilitator

*These Minutes were approved by the MSSC members at their meeting on January 11, 2016*