

Main Street Steering Committee

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

Minutes of the Meeting

March 23, 2015

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Bourne Town Hall

Attending: Selectman Stephen Mealy, Krissanne Caron, Joe Carrara, Pam Matheson, Coreen Moore, David O'Connor, Marie Oliva, Sallie Riggs, George Sala, Kathy Zagzebski. Public: Mary Ellen McCabe

Open meeting: Facilitator Sallie Riggs opened the meeting at 10:33 am.

Minutes: Sallie asked for corrections or additions to the Minutes of January 12, 2015. There were no suggested changes and it was then MOVED, SECONDED and VOTED unanimously to approve the Minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2015 as circulated.

Buzzards Bay Park: Sallie introduced a first, rough draft of the language that will be required for the Town Meeting Article, assuming that the Community Preservation Committee endorses the park project request. After a full participatory and positive discussion, it was MOVED, SECONDED and VOTED to use the following language (or something close to it):

The \$350,000 will be used for phase one of a multi-phase project. Funds will be used for engineering, survey and design, irrigation, electrical upgrades, lighting, landscaping and a park entrance with amenities.

The committee members continued by discussing the mechanisms for receiving grant funds with the differences between a grant to the Town and that to a non-profit. The BFDC can serve as the non-profit, especially since the MSSC is a committee of the BFDC. The person from the public suggested that a "Friends of the Park" be formed. After a brief discussion Committee members agreed that it would take too long to form another 501(c)(3), and that it was not necessary with the BFDC having IRS tax-exempt status already.

Additional discussion revolved around how the project will be administered. There was consensus to invite Jon Nelson, the Town's Facilities Director to the next meeting to discuss the subject with the Committee.

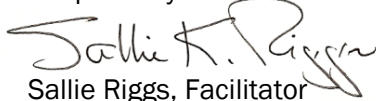
Committee members thanked Kathy Zagzebski for her leadership in two meetings on the park plans while Sallie was away and talked about what a good job she did.

Steve Mealy agreed to alert the Selectmen that, if the funds are approved, the Selectmen will have to inform potential users of the park about any possible disruptions as implementation moves forward. By then there should be a "construction" schedule. There was consensus that there will be no disruptions this summer because the survey and engineering design should not interfere with park activities.

Updates: Kathy announced that the NMLC's Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday, beginning at 5:30 pm at the NMLC.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 am.

Respectfully submitted


Sallie Riggs, Facilitator