

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**
April 24, 2017
Bourne DPW Conference Room

Attending: Joe Carrara, Pam Matheson, Stephen Mealy, Marie Oliva, Sallie Riggs. Weston & Sampson: Gene Bolinger, Brandon Kunkel.

Open meeting: Facilitator Sallie Riggs opened the meeting at 10:34 am.

Minutes: Sallie asked for any additions or changes to the Minutes of the meeting of April 3, 2017. There being none, it was MOVED, SECONDED and VOTED unanimously to accept the Minutes as circulated.

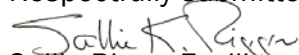
Facilitator's comments/reports: Sallie reported that most actions since the last meeting have focused on preparation for the Town Meeting, including a discussion of the park project at the last Selectmen's meeting. Steve Mealy and Peter Meier are preparing a Community Television taping. Steve circulated the Q and A page that he is working on. There was a discussion about some of the rumors and how to combat them, and an exploration of the kinds of issues that might come up at Town Meeting. Everyone was urged to be prepared to respond if any issues are raised on the floor of the meeting and to make statements of support.

Buzzards Bay Park: Sallie turned the meeting over to consultants Gene Bolinger and Brandon Kunkel. They described the current status of the work. Sallie asked for a review of the planting plan and expressed concern about too many trees blocking views. Brandon explained that the trees will be tall enough that the lowest branches will be at 7 feet, permitting views of the pavilion and the Canal area. There was a brief discussion about the possibility to community groups participating in the care of the perennial beds.

Sallie reported that in preparation for the next steps, depending upon which votes pass at Town Meeting, Weston & Sampson has prepared two alternative contracts: an amendment to the current agreement if only the \$300,000 is voted, and a new agreement if the full amount of money is voted. The strategy is to be prepared to resume design work on Tuesday, May 2. She also noted that if the full amount is voted, there will still have to be a number of design decisions based on the inclusion of the cost of a clerk-of-the-works and other adjustments. Those will take place over the next five to six weeks.

Adjourn: The next meeting will be called once it becomes clear which direction the project will take and the consultants are ready for design discussions; location to be determined. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted


Sallie Riggs, Facilitator