

# 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 3, 2017

Bourne DPW Conference Room

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

Open meeting: Facilitator Sallie Riggs opened the meeting at 3:03 pm.

Facilitator's comments/report: Sallie noted that the application for Community Preservation Act funds has been reviewed by several Town committees and the current plan is for two Town Meeting Articles to finish the park. The first would request \$300,000 to finish the park with no features/additional amenities; the second would finish the park as in the original concept plan. The challenge for the Committee now is an outreach campaign to gain voter support. Steve Mealy reported that he and Don Pickard, the Chair of the Board of Selectmen, are planning a community television program to discuss the park. Sallie reported that Weston & Sampson has volunteered to design a flyer based on a draft Sallie prepared. Marie Oliva has volunteered to put the flyer on the Chamber web site and on the Bourne Resident Face Book page. Gene Bolinger volunteered that W&S would help prepare a poster board for use at Town Meeting.

Gene circulated a draft of a flyer and Committee members suggested several changes, both in the text and the images. Gene said the updated flyer could be available on Wednesday. Steve and Sallie will explore ways to print hundreds of copies.

Sallie added that she had been contacted by a person who has volunteered to “sell the benches” as a fund-raising project. It could be run through the BFDC's 501(c)(3). More details need to be worked out.

Buzzards Bay Park: Sallie turned the meeting over to Gene and Brandon. They noted that Marini Construction returned to the site today and are working on the entrances. Fifteen benches were delivered today. Marini expects to have completed the contract in about eight weeks.

The timing of the project was discussed, with particular note to the Town Meeting votes and possible scenarios for completion. During the discussion it became clear that the grassy areas will not be available to use this summer without destroying the newly seeded spaces. Marie voiced concern about Concerts in the Park – Steve and Peter Meier agreed to work with Marie and George to locate an alternative site.

The discussion turned to the proposed pavilion. The concrete pad currently is planned to be 64 ft. x 34 ft. Different styles were discussed with consensus that it should be made of wood, with a metal roof, and a dormer. Gene summarized: of some architectural merit with visual impact, and within the budget. At the conclusion of the discussion, Gene and Brandon agreed to pull together some options for the Committee to review with the goal of being able to identify where the pavilion footings will go before the concrete is poured. Gene agreed to

prepare a proposal to extend the current W&S contract to incorporate this work which is now in the phase two planning.

Peter brought up the question of putting a clock somewhere on the west end of the park so that commuters could see the time. There was consensus that it was an idea worth pursuing during phase two planning but that the budget does not now include a clock.

Topics for future discussion: recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for policies/rules for use of the park including fees. Sallie agreed to check with Recreation Director Krissanne Caron to see what policies are in place at other Town parks.

Adjourn: The next meeting was set for April 24 at 10:30 am; location to be determined. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted

  
Sallie Riggs, Facilitator