

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** May 4, 2016 Bourne DPW Building

Attending: Joe Carrara, Pam Matheson, Stephen F. Mealy, Coreen Moore, Jonathan Nelson, David O'Connor, Marie Oliva, Sallie Riggs, George Sala, Kathy Zagzebski; Chris Pine,

Open meeting: Facilitator Sallie Riggs opened the meeting at 10:05 am.

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

Buzzards Bay Park: Sallie reported that she and David had attended a Planning Board meeting on April 28 and presented the Schematic Design for the park. The Board members were enthusiastic about the plans. They said to return when the MSSC has engineered drawings for the Board's review.

She also noted for the record that the May Town Meeting had voted – with one no vote – to allocate \$425,000 of CPA funds for the park.

She then asked Committee members to make comments about the Schematic Design that had been presented at the previous meeting by the Brown, Richardson consultants. After considerable discussion, the following points were agreed upon:

- Concern about safety of people accessing the park and specifically the play area from the parking lot to the south. Would like to see a sidewalk with a curb, parallel to the eastern side and running up to Main Street.
- Concern about people cutting into the park from the ACoE parking lot and trampling the plantings. Would like to see an access point on the south side to the path through the Memorial Grove. This will also take negotiation with the Army Corps – that is Jonathan's responsibility.
- Looking to the future on accessing the park. Would like to see the north-eastern access point tilt toward Main Street.
- Flagpole location could block views and appears to have no logic. Would like to see flagpole moved from current location to the north western open area (in the vicinity of the Houde tree), perhaps even incorporated in the entrance from Main Street.
- Concern about defining edges. Would like to see a few more trees, perhaps in pairs, located in the reinforced turf in such a way that they define "stalls" for farmers' market trucks.

Committee members noted that they would also like to see more definition for the design of the Main Street Gateway. The documents presented to the Committee went into great detail on the play areas and splash pad, but there was nothing on the entrance. This is one of the items that is meant to be included in the work beginning August 1. There was sentiment against creating a feature that is reflective of the railroad bridge. Something with more simplicity and sophistication would be

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welcomed. Because of the tight schedule leading up to the August 1 construction target, Committee members would like to see these changes and additions as soon as possible.

The members then discussed the name of the park, with a vote with one abstention to name it Canal Park. Implementation of the idea was deferred to a later meeting.

Sallie then turned the Committee members' attention to the budget figures that had been presented at the April 25 meeting. After considerable discussion there was agreement to not review the proposed budget line-by-line at this meeting. Instead, Sallie will appoint a "negotiating team" to review the figures and make recommendations to the MSSC. There was also consensus that the top cost figure that would be acceptable to the Town was in the \$2 million range and that the Committee should target the October 2016 Special Town Meeting for another request for CPA funds.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, June 1 from 10 am to noon, unless the negotiating team can come back sooner with recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted


Sallie Riggs, Facilitator