

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**
July 11, 2016
Bourne DPW Building

Attending: Tom Guerino, Pam Matheson, David O'Connor, Marie Oliva, Chris Pine, Sallie Riggs, George Sala; Weston & Sampson VP Gene Bolinger and Landscape Architect Brandon Kunkel; Public: Barbara DeCicco Lawrence, Pam Caradimos.

Open meeting: Facilitator Sallie Riggs opened the meeting at 10:04 am.

Minutes: Sallie asked for any edits or corrections to the Minutes of the June 23, 2016 meeting. There being none it was MOVED, SECONDED and VOTED unanimously to approve the Minutes as circulated.

Facilitator's Comments: Sallie reported that she had met with Town Administrator Tom Guerino to discuss forward progress in the context of Jon Nelson's leaving for another job. Tom indicated that he could work out a way to assign another Town staff member to work on the project. Tom then added that he is committed to having the project start on time – beginning the construction right after the 1st of August.

Buzzards Bay Park: Sallie turned the meeting over to Gene and Brandon. They began by noting their three priorities for today's meeting:

1. to finalize the alignment of the pathways
2. to further refine the entrance design
3. to begin a discussion of furnishings.

With that the discussion turned to the site drawing circulated in advance. A few tweaks were suggested:

- Move the flagpole to the "island" just after the Main Street entrance
- Remove some of the trees, especially those in front of the pavilion
- Make sure the drawing shows the pavilion on Town property

During the discussion it was noted that the process for potentially moving the crosswalk needs to be determined. Tom agreed to discuss with DOT.

Brandon and Gene are targeting September 15 to get any plans out for potential general contractor work. That allows for six weeks for site demolition, site grading and preparation, and utility work. Tom requested a chart of tasks/timeline.

The discussion continued around a possible gateway treatment based on a new drawing. Discussion generated the following suggestions:

- Add some verticality
- Make the blocks less regular, more natural shapes
- Assure a combination of sun and shade for the plantings

- Widen the point of transition from gateway to pathway slightly
- Don't make it too urban

At the end of the discussion Gene said they would make some refinements and send another drawing to the Committee.

A brief discussion noted that, in addition to a presentation to the Planning Board on July 28, the plan should be presented to the Selectmen on July 26. Tom will add it to the agenda; Sallie will coordinate a presentation.

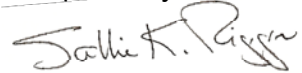
Concerning the discussion of furnishings, there was consensus on having benches, etc. "not too contemporary." Keeping the potential for vandalism and the need for low maintenance in mind, there was enthusiasm expressed for using a brushed aluminum material. There was also discussion about developing a "Trash in/Trash out" policy. There is still time to make decisions and Sallie noted that the consultants really need to be focusing on the construction documents at this time.

At the end of the discussion it was noted that the next meeting of the full Committee would be called when there are additional discussion points.

Public Comments: Barbara DeCicco asked what citizens can do to assist the Town in getting rid of the blighted buildings on Main Street. Tom responded that there is a process underway which may very well involve going to court to enforce the blight by-law.

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 am.

Respectfully submitted



Sallie Riggs, Facilitator