

## Village Enhancement Committee Minutes

March 10, 2022

Members present: Marie Daigle (chair), Jan Royall, Judy Lewald, Melissa Hoisington, Todd Towle, Ashley Hopwood Farrar (remote)

Members absent: Jed Nickerson

### Topics / Discussion

1. Minutes approved from January meeting. No minutes were available for February.
2. The Wright-Pierce proposal of \$22,900 was discussed for the riverfront property. Jan Royall made a motion to reject. This was seconded by Todd Towle. The committee voted unanimously to reject this proposal.

Further discussion followed on how to complete work on this space. Ideas were:

- Ask DOT to have a look at the project and see if they could help with ditching and run-off. It is felt that we need more information from DOT before moving forward.
- Jan Royall said that Jake at ARC is willing to donate fill.
- Many on the committee feel that this project is too small for engineering firms to want to bid on.
- Ashley Hopwood Farrar felt that it may be beneficial to at least have a civil engineer look at the project.
- Jan Royall shared that an engineer must be hired if more than 9 cubic yards of fill are needed.
- Do we need EPA approval?

- We would like to have new guardrails that would prevent cars from parking on the property.
- Jan feels that this project can be completed for little cost.

3. The Open Tour App is up and running. Robin Konieczko spearheaded this project so we need a new member to take this on. Ashley Hopwood Farrar volunteered to oversee the website. Most of the work on content is complete. Jan Royall thought more stories might be added and mentioned Hazen McMullen. We could possibly add a story section or introduction to the site.

4. The Kingfield Welcome Sign project will add 2 new welcome signs in east and west locations to match those that we now have north and south on route 27. Each sign will also have an additional sign added that reads "Home of the Stanley's". Marie has spoken to Sam Monahan at Signworks and he quoted a price of \$160 for each add-on sign. These will be a rectangular shape that matches the width of the welcome sign. All signs need to be raised enough to insure visibility in the winter. Marie Daigle will speak to Leanna about any permits that may be needed to erect the new signs.

It was decided that we must:

- Get a complete pricing for the project from Signworks including the price of all signs and groundwork.
- Discuss pricing at our next meeting.
- Take the project to the selectman's meeting for approval.
- Find locations for the new signs.
- Decide who will do the groundwork, Signworks or a sub-contractor.

5. The Mason's have given approval for students to present their art work at the Mason Hall for the May Art Walk. Jed Nickerson is coordinating this project. TIF funds can not be used to build any displays as these can not be permanent.

6. TIF training may take place at the next VEC meeting, April 14th. Leanna provided packets for VEC members to read before the next meeting and prepare any questions they may have. Some examples of past projects that TIF funds have been used for were discussed (sidewalks, parking lot, bathroom, Kingfield Pops).

Todd Towle proposed a future project of an amphitheater in the field by the river on land the town already owns. This could be used for the Kingfield Pops and other events. He thought it would be best to wait on this until the 2022 DOT road work is completed.

7. The final order of business was the need for new members and a secretary. Melissa Hoisington was nominated as secretary by Jan Royall. The nomination was seconded and all members agreed.

Meeting Closed

Next meeting is April 14, 2022