

**Minutes from Downtown 2020 Committee Meeting July 31, 2012
Room # 309 at 8:30 AM**

In Attendance: Lou Gagliano (chair), Robert Jacobs, Ken Bernhard, and Valerie Malin-Smith

Absent: Gerry Kagan, Dan Kail, and Craig Rebecca Schaivone

Summary of Minutes

1. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved without any change.
2. Chair asked David Waldman to have the DMA parking and metering committee report forwarded so that the Committee could schedule agenda time with the DMA sub-committee as they requested.
3. Discussions took place concerning the issue of DMA garbage services offered to retail locations for fee along Parker Harding Plaza and the issue of permit parking spots for which they also earn a fee. It was agreed that continued discussions on this topic should be part of our ongoing discussions about these issues and how such services might be handled in the future. David Waldman made the point that the revenues from the garbage services were used to promote downtown activities and the profits not used to pay any salaries of officers. Any changes need to take into account the support such revenues have been used, and the benefit of these events to the downtown area.
4. Chair noted announcement of the Cinema Initiative of yesterday. Discussions took place about the potential joint facility at the site behind Tavern on Main with the Arts Center.
5. Chair informed the group of the progress of the Grant Application for improvements to the downtown streetscape and sidewalks. RTM Finance Committee meeting this Thursday evening to build support for the full meeting of the RTM next week. Town Clerk to be provided with a package containing Grant documents for distribution to RTM members. Chair asked those members who could attend to come to next week's full RTM meeting,

and that he would advise as to where on the agenda this subject would appear.

6. Group discussed the Committee's Status Report distributed in final form. Chair summarized the report and asked the members for approval. Approval was obtained. Chair to distribute to First Selectman, and a press release suggested. Chair requested that Valerie Malin-Smith draft such a release. Chair to ask First Selectman concerning distribution of report to other groups.

7. Chair informed the group that the State of CT had approved our not for profit filing. Next steps are formation meeting, filing of this meeting with the State, and application for a Federal Tax not for profit status, and ID number.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.