

Minutes

Downtown Plan Implementation Committee

June 2, 2016

Town Hall Room 201 9:00 AM

Note: These are “action minutes” of the meeting as previously agreed to by the DPIC. The entire meeting was recorded and can be viewed on the Town’s website.

DPIC Attendance: Melissa Kane (Co-chairperson), Jessica Newshel, Steve Edwards, Steve Desloge, Craig Schiavone, Jennifer Fava, Alicia Mozian, Steve Palmer, Matt Mandell, Pippa Bell Ader, Ken Bernhard, Lois Schine

DPIC Unavailable: Steve Smith, Tony Riggio, Peter Ratkiewich, Fotios Koskinas, Gary Conrad, Dewey Loselle (Co-chairperson)

Last month’s minutes approved.

G2. Downtown Maintenance Study. Meeting is on the calendar for next week. No additional updates. Discussion on lack of recycling downtown for pedestrian trash. Maintenance committee will meet next week and discuss a short term solution for recycling canisters and pick up.

PK2. Avery/Baldwin Lot. Optimistic that a deal will happen.

P5. Elm Street revitalization. No update.

The recommendation to put sidewalks around Veteran’s Green was approved by the Board of Finance last night. It is coming to RTM next week.

M8. Provide Amenities for Public Transit Passengers. Received the grant funds from the Rotary. Pippa is still waiting on coordination from Norwalk Transit.

P4. Toquet Hall Improvements. Kevin Godburn gave an update. Launched the fundraising campaign. Open house on Monday wasn’t well attended due to cancellation of parade. June 18th - next open house for Toquet. Public outreach effort is underway with help from social media and Staples Players. Looking at flooring options to help with acoustics and sound dampening. A bank account is almost completely set up under the 501(c)3 to accept donations for Toquet, as well as a place to hold the Rotary funds.

P8. Arts and cultural heritage trail - “Westport Wandernet”. There is a Westporter that has experience with walking tours in the Meatpacking district. Melissa has spoken to her about helping to organize one in Westport.

M1/M2. Post Road crossing and improvements. The working group is meeting next week. Melissa has a contact at CTDOT.

M5/M6. The working group and a sub committee met. The group decided to pursue a town-wide wayfinding system instead of confining it to downtown. Putting together an RFP for a wayfinding plan and design, which would also be broken out into phases. The big picture is to create a brand for Westport that could be carried through to bus shelters, bike racks, etc.

M9. Bicycle parking. Working group met. Foti is looking into the availability of grant funds that may be used for five portable bike racks throughout town. Possible locations are Parking Harding, Main Street between Chase Bank and Tavern, Elm Street, Jesup Green, west side of river near Arezzo's patio entrance.

The website has been launched. Email blast announcing the new site to go out by the end of the week.

The next meeting will be tentatively held on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 9am.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 am.

Recorded by Jessica Newshel
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