CDC Meeting March 22, 2017
Attending: Catherine Samuels, Pete DuBrule Charles Renneker, Margaret Lindsey
Sanborn, Robert A. Peabody, Jr., Justin McIver, Martha Cummings, Evan Miller,
Carmen Lone, Nelle Ely

Meeting opened with discussion regarding number needed to vote for a quorum
since we have a large group but not everyone shows up to make a quorum.
When we present a decision to BOS we need a formal quorum, otherwise we have a
consensus.
In the past it has been announced there would be a vote, still didn't have enough.
We have 13 members at the moment. So we need 7 to have a quorum.
A motion was passed to having an 11 voting committee with 2 alternates.
What time for future meetings?
Remains at 8:00.
Manner of compiling final reports of work:
Chuck has been writing them
There are four parts, fact, question, conclusion, argument & authorities
We don't always do it in order.
The question becomes refined and look for facts.
Maybe while we discuss we need a scribe, in addition to secretary.
Agreed that we will have someone put notes on a board as we discuss. Person will
act as facilitator.
Fact and argument sheets in order to compile to BOS
How often does the BOS respond to CDC suggestions? Since 2000, 2003, most things
have been accomplished at this table. This committee, the sewer comm., and Bear
pushing it's been 15 years to get the sewer in the place it is now. The present board
is more proactive than passive, and in the past the board was passive.
Carmen feels encouraged by the meeting with the BOS. Bob likes that the CDC is
proactive. Street scape, design and put out to bids. Lower main street down to
Kansas rd. CDBG for the interesections and sewer draft by Friday. Sidewalks and
sewer will be one project mess for a year. Branding under way by Blackfly. Continue
the events and upgrade the bathrooms at beaches (and downtown).
The last thing that came out was land use, zoning.
We have had people tell us that we need a committee to tell us how to plan land
use/growth.
Maybe advantageous to have a public bathroom next to a business in order to curb
vandalism.
If we formalize a way to get reports to BOS will Chuck stay as Chairperson?
Goals org by strategies
On Justin would like to have a list of priorities
Wastewater should be off the list of things to do.
Land use on its way.
Internet service needed for downtown business.
Westbrook has interenet so can work for Boston companies. Need for business
infrastructure.

(When streets are open we can put in fiber. The next way is to go wireless with towers. Then you have dead zones and fix with tel poles. That is Red Zone. They ask town to pay part of cost.)

CDC member's top 5 priorities:
-Carmen
 housing is number 1 priority
-Justin
Sewer is not off our plate since we will have to sell it with streetscape. Help to market the whole thing.
Jobs are critical
Housing
Natural resources
Land use
-Martha
Sewer
Streetscape
Jobs – a corporate park designated area
Internet service needed for downtown business.
Move bandstand gazebo to Shorey Park
Do something about empty shops lower Main Street
-Evan
Keep Folk Festival
SEC for FM station
Call in show for TV station
Tear down Memorial schl, superintendent says ok
(Like to see memorandum of understanding worked out to see what will be done with the building.)
Pondicherry square
-Carmen
Housing all aspects senior low income, disabled
-Nell
People – We need to consider how they react to what we do
Economy-
Land use- what to promote downtown
Natural resources
-Catherine
Upgrade Town Website
Develop trails for walking
Upgrade Community Center
Housing
-Pete
Economy
Housing
Land Use
Sewer

-Chuck
Sewer – If you want anything to change.
Comp plan is a dream. We have to have a long term tactical plan and people must buy into it.
We have lots of town people who grew up here, and now lots of people from away. Need a common dream.
Infrastructure
Zoning
Road needed from Depot St to Willet.
Behind Hannafords could be developed. Move public works.

Next meeting
Rewrite charge
Decide on priorities