

Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Members Present: Kevin Raday, Margaret Sanborn, Angie Cook, Evan Miller, Amy Stone, Al Bottone, Beth Cossey, Maggie Lynn, Greg Bullard

Others Present: Tori Hill, Keri Montague, Linda LaCroix-RPM, Jim Kidder-RPM, Bob McHatton, Georgiann Fleck, Gary Colello, Roy Gedat – RPM, Aaron Bearger-All Roads Hub, Deb Brusini

Select board report:

Comp plan update – hopefully next year we will have a comp plan put together.

Licenses for new businesses

Town Manager:

2 vacant positions on the police dept.

Fashioned a memorandum of agreement to encourage the current staff to take overtime, which pays additional duty pay which is at a higher rate than overtime, it also pays \$100 extra. Ending June 30th.

Right now, vacation is not carried over, but due to the shortage the town will allow them to roll over two weeks of vacation.

There is a shortage of people that want to be police officers.

We do not want to lose any of our officers.

Wastewater: WW Treatment Facility is still ongoing.

Sergeant will start back up April 17th.

Laterals need to go in on north high street.

4 more streets need paving.

Highland road sidewalk work has started by the beach. Hope to be done with that in 3 weeks, then Elm Street work starts. After July 1st, Church Street should go out to bid. Church St. sidewalk needs to be in before road coated.

Sidewalk in Shorey Park will be replaced, goal to be done before Memorial Day

Cleaning up has started and the street sweepers are out.

Beth Cossey, Rufus Porter:

Was gifted 23 full walls of Rufus Porter Paintings were given and the museum is building a new building to showcase them.

Construction on the new building starts today!

Four on the Forth Road Race Mural will start on June 15th and that mural will go on the side of Food City.

Greg Bullard- Arts & Culture

Art Walk – Second Saturday in the Summer, Starting May 13th from 9-1pm

Susan Jennings is leaving the Arts & Culture Committee as she is retiring.

Aaron B.- All Roads Hub:

Has been tasked to turn the redemption center into a community space. He has been here a few months speaking with residents and businesses on what the community needs the most.

They will break the building into sections to fit multiple needs of the community.

Memorial Day weekend in alignment with Music on Main, will have a walk-through so people can come and see the space and interact with different exhibits that will highlight local businesses and other activities.

Looking for a space during the lull time, 3:30-9pm. A space for all ages.

Chamber of Commerce:

Taste of the Lakes

Brewfest

Bridgton Library:

The Affordable Connectivity Program -200% of the national poverty ratio.

BL main interest is to make sure people get connected, stay connected and using the internet safely.

Reported 11 participants come to their workshops.

Community Development Coordinator

Survey going around to inform on funding for broadband.

Spectrum has an application to fiber entire town, everywhere there is a telephone pole.

COMP Plan:

RFP going out next week, will have proposals by end of May.

Consultant coming into project manage and write the comp plan, just to build capacity.

Tori will give everyone on the CDCA the schedule of the comp plan meetings so everyone can attend, and she will give a report at each meeting.

Recreation:

Gary went to the ME Parks and Rec conference. 4.2% GDP of Maine. One of the top 6 states relying on parks and open spaces.

Programming: 4 Square World Championship is taking place at the Old Town Hall. Trying to get on the ESPN OCHO!

Town needs a recreation center. 165 kids in the summer program
Kids to Parks Day is May 20th .

Programs are coming back with better numbers after covid.
Town needs a programmer for childcare.
Will take out of town of town children.

AI moves to approve minutes from last meeting, all in favor.

Next meeting – Open Space Consultant

Adjourned

