

Machias Revitalization Committee Minutes
July 14, 2017 @ 7 a.m.
Bluebird Ranch Restaurant

PRESENT: Sandi Malagara, Angela Focesato, Christina Therrien, Gail Peters, Kathryn Mahon-Holmes, Rich Bard, Bill Kitchen, Eric Jones, Vicki Boone and Sharon Mack. No media present.

The committee accepted the minutes from June 9. (motion = Christina, second = Rich, vote = unanimous.)

Christina reported that the town is working on a grant to develop the area around the tennis courts to include a small playground, and rustic boat launch. She said she is also working with WHCA and SCEC regarding the need for local public transportation. The Water Front Renewal grant will create a technical study of the Machias Riverfront and community forums will be held. She is also working on another grant to investigate placing a ship (similar to the Margareta) in the bay as a tourist stop.

Angela reported that Arise has volunteered workers for the Westside Trail. A contest will be held to rename the trail. She also reported that a dry run of the History Tour was held June 28 and was very successful. The recording date has not been set. The towns of Cherryfield, Eastport, Lubec and Jonesport will be coming for a walk through. She also said the Bike Project will be ready to go in August and other towns are expressing interest.

Christina said she is getting details and estimates regarding sidewalk reconstruction down town. Stamped concrete seems to be the selection. She is also putting in for the next round of CDBG funding and will use work done by MSB and Foster's as the in-kind match. Rain walk art and a Machias walk of fame were discussed.

Sandi Malagara reported that Sandi Bryant has lost interest in the downtown mural project and efforts to involve the Beehive Collective in creating extremely large historical banners that can be removed during winter months will continue. Sandi M. also reported that planting has begun for the Greenspace Project.

Christina reported that a new sidewalk on Steel Hill would cost \$144,000 which is out of the town's reach. She said progress at the airport is good and a new wind sock has been installed. The airport will be hosting a fly-in during the Blueberry Festival. Christina encouraged others to attend the community center initial meeting at 7 a.m. July 20 at Bluebird Ranch Restaurant.

The committee accepted, with regret, Amy Marsh's resignation from the committee. (motion = Christina, second = Rich, vote = unanimous.)

There will be no meeting in August for summer break. The next scheduled meetings for 2017 are Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10 and Dec 8 (annual election of officers.)

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Mack, Secretary