

BiTown Committee Meeting

September 5, 2013, 8 AM, Wilmington town meeting room

Present: Adam Grinold, Ken Black, Laurie Newton, Kelly Pawlak, Gretchen Havreluk, Ryan Holton, Laura Silbilia, Jim Barnes, Meg Streeter

Visitors: Jake White, Doug Laplante, Wendy Woods

Adam noted that we will need to have a clerk as Dawn Baxter has moved from Wilmington. Meg volunteered to take minutes for the present meeting and to speak with Scott Murphy about having a town employee attend future meetings.

Gretchen and Ryan provided an update about the Valley Trail kiosks and maps. 3 kiosks have been ordered for Wilmington sections and if Dover wants additional signage, Ken will let Ryan know. Jeff Nugent of Windham Regional Commission will do a map update that can be photocopied until a final version is completed. Gretchen, Ryan and Meg volunteered to suggest names for the 4 trail segments. Jim Barnes mentioned his offer to "shur pac" the trail and a general discussion followed. Jake has blazed the trail (with blue arrows) all the way from the village to the power line. Many people are using the "west village" section already. Ryan asked that Wilmington put money in the budget for ongoing trail maintenance rather than relying on Jake's many hours of volunteer work.

Gretchen reported that she and Meg are working on an update on broadband and cell coverage. Ken said that the Dover Route 100 park is nearly complete. Meg reported that Wilmington's FEMA buyout of the Brissette property was finally complete, that a simple park will eventually be located there on the riverside and that the first year of the 1% option tax had resulted in revenues of approximately \$200,000.

Adam said that the Chamber's "business group" is working on some new events for the area that encourage more visitors. Kelly reported that Mount Snow is also evaluating events, is hopeful that the Tough Mudder will return in late May and has new staff in their media and marketing departments. Jim said that the new base lodge construction is going well with a target completion date of October, 2014, that a new administration building in the base area will serve as the base lodge for the upcoming winter season, that new marketing for the Hermitage Club is occurring and that the airport is planning for regularly scheduled air service.

Adam concluded the meeting by highlighting the positive news in our area including the \$12,000,000 school construction projects underway and reminded everyone to be positive. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Streeter