

Bi Town Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Town Offices
July 2, 2015

These minutes are not official until they have been approved by the Bi Town Committee

Present: Ken Black, Diane Chapman, Gretchen Havreluk, Carolyn May, Meg Streeter, Heidi Taylor, Randy Terk, Jake White

Meeting was called to order by Ken Black at 8:08 AM. On a motion by Heidi Taylor, seconded by Diane Chapman, the minutes of June 4, 2014 were approved by unanimous vote.

Topics Discussed

- Digital Marketing
 - Marketing plan was changed to 3 years out
 - Dover Selectboard presentation to be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2015
 - Wilmington Selectboard to be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015
 - 2 year's plus funding to be spread out over 3 years to take into account startup initiatives and timing for summer/fall target marketing
 - Funding will be quarterly, in advance, on a pro-rated basis as services are required
 - Chamber of Commerce Executive Director will be on the committee as a non-voting member but paid a small administration fee
- Telecommunications
 - Vtel indicates that the Rice Hill antennas inn Dover will become operational by the end of Summer 2015
 - Instead of running fiber to the tower, Vtel will be using a microwave link from Mount Snow
 - Bandwidth and cost initiatives are still unknown, but 40 Mbps was speculated as a possible maximum
 - Discussions have been proposed to initiate a meeting with Vtel management regarding expansion of wireless bandwidth within the valley on a partnership basis
 - Vtel is charging \$70 per month for 1 Gbps and \$400 per month for 10 Gbps service in some areas based on fiber to the home
 - Vtel reconfirmed the cost of \$25,000 per mile to lay fiber.
- Valley Trail

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- The Haystack Gatehouse to Wilmington section will be assessed by wetlands representatives on July 9, 2015
- There are 19 areas of wetlands concerns
- If significant wetlands issues exist, state might need to reclassify portions of the trail
- Sur-Pak and culvert evaluation will take place as well
- Jake White mowed 1st section of trail in Wilmington
- Mowing should take place 2 – 3 times per year at 2 hours each
- State can divert path of trail if conditions are egregious
- Town Updates
 - Hermitage Club
 - Meetings to discuss lodging issues
 - Clubhouse open
 - Doobie Bros concert during Labor Day Weekend
 - Wilmington
 - Façade program having a slow start - \$75,000 allocated
 - Bike/Pedestrian grant to be submitted by July 17, 2015 to repair E. Main St sidewalk and retaining wall
 - Parking issues with new businesses
 - Mangia e Beve, the Italian restaurant on Route 9 to open soon
 - 2 hour parking limit not strictly enforced at this time
 - Bridge repair, east of the light was done by Wilmington as the state did not fund the project
 - Business Consultant was hired to help area businesses – feedback is very positive
 - Dover
 - Bike/Pedestrian grant being applied for by July 17 for a scoping study to extend the Valley Trail along the state right of way from the West Dover Firehouse to the South Access Road at Mount Snow
 - Dover concert series is beginning every Sunday in July and August from 1 – 3 PM at the Dover Park
 - Right of Way certificate issued for section A of the Dover sidewalk project
 - Final and contractor plans being reviewed by Vtrans
 - Contractor advertising should occur later this year or early January
 - Mount Snow
 - West Lake water project going well
 - Traffic Issues occurring as to when use of Coldbrook Rd is possible
 - Some cars are speeding on Coldbrook Road in the construction area
 - SEVEDS
 - Expand younger demographic
 - Need for volunteers

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- Chamber of Commerce
 - 2 Village Strolls planned – July 3rd & July 18th
 - Blueberry Festival starting at month's end

On a motion by Heidi Taylor and seconded by Meg Streeter, the meeting was adjourned by Ken Black at 9:03 AM.

Respectively submitted by Ken Black

July 8, 2015