

Housatonic Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2022

Attending: Eric Gabriel, Angela Lomanto, Patrick Barret, Louise Goldsmith, and Beverly Nourse

Eric read the required Massachusetts statements.

Call to order at 5:05 pm with a vote of 5-0 (Daniel Bialowas joined at 5:12pm)

Acceptance of Minutes- Motion to approve July 14, 2022 minutes and July 28, 2022 minutes, few amendments to attendance of July 14, 2022 meeting and one recusal. With changes the minutes were approved with unanimous vote.

Rectifications: Remove Dan Bailly from July 14th, 2022 attendance list; Add one recusal to acceptance of minutes line for July 14th, 2022.

Committee Vacancy:

Update: Angela wrote a few words for advertisement of position. Mark to promote the open position.

Village-wide event discussion ('Party in the Park' planned for October 1):

Eric discussed: fund raising – he has been able to secure 1500 towards budget.

Bakery food truck has backed out of the event.

Will email Fire Chief Charlie Burger and Chief Paul Storti invite to next meeting plus attempt to send invite to all participants.

Louise says BnB does not donate as a rule.

Daniel shared his party in the park logo.

Group discussion on logo - how to add promotion dates, etc.

Eric suggested adding a red balloon.

Daniel said his wife suggested a party hat on the tower.

Angela is going to get help with photoshop to add dates, etc.

Bettina talked about her ideas and interactive dance for party. Free spirited interactive is the theme.

Discussion of stage if they will need it? Bettina wants the center of the park without a stage.

Eric asked Ben Elliott for his brother's contact for food truck.

Bev secured 3 face painters for 11-3.

Village Wide Discussion:

Review of school RFP.

Louise said she was excited about ventures.

Patrick says ventures meets our request.

Look at outline, WDM doesn't x-any of these boxes.

Wants to send a strong recommendation to the Select Board.

Eric wants to see presentations on Monday, August 22nd, 2022 before casting any votes of preference.

Daniel agrees he would like to see presentations first.

Pat Barret left at 5:55 pm

Citizen Speak:

Ben Elliott concerned about Ventures feasibility and removal of the parking spaces. Also has his concerns about WDM.

Media Time:

Ilene Mooney had no comment other than to say she enjoyed the conversations.

Next Meetings: 8-25-2022 at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned: 6:03pm by a vote of 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Gabriel