

TOWN OF HIGHGATE

Village Core Master Plan Mtg.

January 14, 2020 @ 6:00

Present were: Steve LaFar; Woody Rouse, Clarence Miller, Sue Cota, Richard Noel, Mary Laroche, Evangeline Larocque, Virginia Holiman, Rebecca Howrigan, and Heidi Britch-Valenta. Richard Flint arrived at 6:30pm.

CALL TO ORDER- Steve called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

OPENING MOMENT OF SILENCE- the group started the meeting with a moment of silence and a prayer led by Clarence followed by warm comments from members of the committee about David Roddy. All agreed that this was a great loss for the community.

Virginia shared information on a fundraiser in David's honor on February 29th at the school. Rusty Dewees will be performing at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$22 and they are available at the Library or Eventbrite's website. All money will go to creating scholarships in David's name for summer camps for children.

MINUTES- Evangeline made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from December 3, 2019. Sue seconded the motion- *APPROVED*.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT- WW Study Support Services RFP- the committee members had reviewed the two proposals from Otter Creek Engineering and NRPC and were ready to make a decision. There were questions regarding the difference in the firms that would be performing the archaeological assessment firms. Ultimately the group thought it was best to bring NRPC into the project to benefit from the in-depth knowledge of the project and the greater number of hours they would dedicate to the project. The group then opened the envelop with the fees in it. Otter Creek \$14300 and NRPC \$14,345.

LIBRARY UPGRADE DISCUSSION- Virginia shared an executive summary from the 2017 and some pricing information and photos of the Fairfield Library as a comparison. Fairfield's library was built on land purchased for \$155,000, construction cost was \$755,000 and furnishing was \$47,000. This building has an elevator, second story loft, full basement and community room with kitchen.

Steve asked Virginia and Rebecca is they were happy with the proposed location abutting the school yard. They both replied that they would be very happy at the location. The Town Meeting day request of \$25,000 in the CIP was discussed. Someone from the library will speak on the topic at Town Mtg and respond to questions.

HISTORICAL BUILDING DISCUSSION Evangeline shared beautiful pictures and information on a library in Elworth, Maine that is in an historic building. The discussion went into funding possibilities and preferences.

OTHER BUSINESS

PRESERVATION TRUST VISIT RECAP- Heidi gave a brief update that Lisa Ryan, Preservation Trust of Vermont had said that the consultant will not be able to start the assessment until march.

T-SHIRTS- Heidi said that she had received the 12 2XL t-shirts and had sold two already.

VIDEO SALES- Heidi reported that we had purchased 18 videos at \$15 each and sold 17 at \$18 each and kept one for Highgate.

TOWN REPORT – Clarence had written a lovely farewell to David Roddy to put in the Town Report from the Committee. The group approved the note and thank Clarence for writing this on our behalf.

MEETINGS-Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 28th at 6:00pm. Otter Creek and NRPC will be here for the WW study kick off meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm, seconded by Woody. APPROVED.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:


Heidi Britch-Valenta


Date