TOWN OF HIGHGATE
Village Core Master Plan Mtg.
June 11, 2019 @ 6:00

Present were: Steve LaFar; Woody Rouse; Richard Noel, Luc Dupuis, Dan Beauregard, Evangeline Larocque, Clarence Miller, Sue Cota, Tom Conley, Ken Thompson, Sharon Bousquet, Virginia Holiman, Michelle Beaulieu, Richard Flint, Keith Ploof and Heidi Britch-Valenta

CALL TO ORDER- Steve called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- The minutes from May 28th were reviewed.
Richard Noel made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Sue Cota seconded the motion. APPROVED.

Keith Ploof asked the Committee what was the purpose of the event. Steve replied that the purpose is to get the community excited about the property they own. Additionally, this is an opportunity to share information about the planning that has been occurred so far and to get further information from people about what they would like to see there.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION- the group provided updates on the progress.

BUDGET- the group discussed the clean-up and the budget of $2,000 for this purpose. The group thought that only $200 +/- had been spent so far on paint supplies. The Selectboard will go over prior to their meeting on the 20th to inspect the property.

PROPERTY WORK- Woody and Clarence reported that the Corrections Crew was on site on Monday, 3rd. but only Alex Airoldi, Team Leader and one worker showed up. They did a great job and got the property trimmed as much as possible.

MVUnity Community Service Crews- Woody, Clarence, Ken, Tom, Bruce, Evangeline, Richard, and Michelle were all there to work with the students. They cleaned out the garage and filled a dumpster. They painted the plywood and did a mural on the side of the building. Everyone was happy with the event. They noted that there are still several items from the Fire Dept Auction still in the garage. The group agreed to ask the Fire Dept if they want to sell it during the celebration or if they can get rid of it. Evangeline offered to call the Habitat for Humanity if they want to get rid of it. A thank you letter was signed for the students.

The group discussed the upkeep of the lawn and asked if the Town crew will be mowing the property. Richard offered to mow one more time with his mower but does not want to continue to do it after that.
The group talked about cleaning out the inside of the Machia House . A work crew was discussed. The Ben and Jerrys work crew was discussed. Protecting the historical items in the building was agreed to be important. Asking the Historical Society if they want to go through first to take before anything is removed. Steve offered to talk with Charlie Nye about this.

A list of items we still need was discussed. Lene requested mulch. Michelle had a list of paint requirements for the mural. Heidi was working with sticks and stuff on a donation to cover paint.

ELECTRICITY- Eric Rainville provided an estimate to restore power to the garage for $1,160. The Committee agreed this should be done quickly to keep the project on schedule. Steve made a

motion to accept the proposal from Eric Rainville to restore power on the property. Woody seconded the motion. APPROVED.

FOOD: Joe Depatie was not present and there was no update on the food. We need to ask about tents and details for the next meeting.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES: Michelle has booked two acts for the event with library funding. The Hula Hooping VT is booked for 11-12. Mike and the Big Blue Truck is scheduled from 3-5. Michelle asked if she should book a singer from Swanton, Scott Martell, who plays soft rock, country for $100. This was discussed but the issue of a theme for the event came up. Virginia suggested that we try to stick with an 'old time' theme and get music to match that. Luc Dupuis said he knew a member of a barbershop quartet he would ask if he is interested. Ken suggested Eric Bushey who plays the banjo. Heidi will follow up on this.
Clarence suggested a 'back to the future' catch phrase since we are honoring the past and looking to the future. This was well received.

Virginia will be making butter. She also brought up the historical stories that were previously discussed. Michelle suggested creating 'memory cafes' to prompt discussion by setting up booths with historical photos. Virginia thought we could get Channel 16 to record the stories.

Dan said they would like to use the school yard to set up volley ball that day. The Rec Dept is still thinking of other activities.

Richard Flint suggested a petting zoo.

Heidi has been trying to reach Dick Harper with no success. Evangeline offered to follow up with him.

Woody had followed up on the classic car show but was told that they wanted to have awards given. This idea was not well received by the group because that would require trophies, judges, etc.

INFORMATION KIOSK- Heidi is getting a quote on the kiosk.

FUNDING-The Ben and Jerrys CAT grant was approved for $1,500.

ADVERTISING- a flyer will be made to start circulating after we have more information.

MEETINGS-Next meeting date will be June 25 @ 6:00. The group agreed to meet at the community room and then go to the site to mark out locations for activities.

OTHER UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT
Steve adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

_____,Town Administrator _____
Heidi Britch-Valenta Date