# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**TUESDAY, June 6, 2023 AT 6:30PM**

**Kendall Room**

**Present: Lee Parker, Jean de Bellefeuille, Ian McConnell, Yvette Meunier, Wendy Rose**

**Absent: John Scribner**

1. Call to order/determine quorum
2. Review/approve meeting minutes from 5/2/23 – accepted as written
3. Add items/rearrange agenda
4. Old Business
   1. MCOG Strategic Plan for Artists, Artisans, and Craft People (LP) –

Yvette Meunier and Lee Parker met with Mathew Eddy on May 5 (Zoom) to discuss next steps. Mathew commented that the Strategic Plan as outlined was good; discussion then focused on how to engage the artists in moving this plan forward. Mathew suggested that it would be important to determine how to draw visitors up the hill from the Waterfront Park area to the Town Hall which could house a permanent (on a very part time basis initially) a space for Pop Up Sales. This would require some sort of visual cues along the way (which passes several interesting and eye appealing houses and businesses). Once a “vision” is created then a meeting of the “organized” and/or visible artists/artisans would be facilitated by Mathew to help flesh out the “vision” and strategic plan. It would also be necessary to find an engaging and engaged spokesperson for this. He sees this Strategic Plan as supporting efforts to rehabilitate the Town Hall (this would help to incorporate Economic Development into the Town Hall which is not in the TIF district). The Strategic Plan would be developed to cover (at least) a two-year period as that is the amount of time it would take to develop a “buzz” for attracting visitors and artists to participate in this. Lee Parker is meeting with a few individuals from the arts community on June 9 to brainstorm the outline of a “vision” for further development. A second meeting might be later this summer/fall perhaps in coordination with Celebrate.

* 1. DOT visit – suggested there be a pedestrian generated light by three robbers with a crosswalk; there is a rolling grant with no deadline and they were very encouraging; for the sidewalk extension it would be about a $1M/mile, would be on the same side as the current sidewalk (towards the river), grants are also available for that. They give out grants while the money holds out, fund is refreshed at the end of the year.
  2. DOT grants
     + Lee move and Wendy seconded that we review in detail the Memorandum to the Bowdoinham Selectboard, with opportunity for discussion and amendments
     + After reviewing the three options presented by Yvette for the project, the committee has asked to revise the Memorandum to reflect choosing the Option for 1,510 Linear Feet for a total cost of $920,600. The committee reviewed the Memorandum in total offering some suggestions for clarity and readability.
     + Memorandum was approved and signed by the committee members.
  3. Enoch (from Bethel) is a State expert on wheelchair accessibility reviewed the Cathance Trail. He will do a full report for us with recommendations. The Blue Trail is in particular is good shape to use. The sign needs to be lowered. He will also recommend surfaces that are workable. Suggestion is that the first step would be to create a path and a walkway to the turnout.

1. New Business
   1. Review 2024-2034 Comprehensive Plan Economy Section Goals & Recommendations draft
      * Reviewed and made recommendations to the document.
2. Determine next meeting and agenda
   * 7/4/2023 is a Holiday – meeting moved to July 5.
3. Adjourn Meeting

Revised 6/6/2023