

Madam Chair Lovett called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Ward I Councilor Carolyn Towle
Ward II Councilor Charlene Lovett
At Large Councilor James Reed

Review of August 5th minutes:

Councilor had reviewed prior minutes:

Ms. Lovett had several corrections as noted.

- Page 2 strike the last part of dialogue from Ray Gagnon (A list of objectives will help to be chosen?)
- 2 paragraphs down Ms. Towles dialogue change hospitality to hospitable.
- Page 3 3rd paragraph down change Mr. to Ms. Towle
- 5th paragraph down fix (sh) to she wrote (a) an article on it.
- Page 4 4th paragraph last sentence is to be removed So we will be discussing new location for our 3rd meeting 8/12/14

A motion was made by Ms. Towle and seconded by Ms. Lovett to approve the amended minutes.

Voice vote: motion carried 3-0

Ms. Lovett informed us that Ms. Jan Lambert offered a invitation to visit the property to look at the platform, to have a tour and to look at the artifacts they have collected over the years.. while we are there we can see the train arrive and talk with passengers to get input.

All committee members agreed that our next meeting would be at Cycle Shop down at the Amtrak stop we would meet at 5:45pm. On 08/20/14.

Mr. Reed stated he had several thing to add to this as he recently made observations while visiting down at the Amtrak stop on Sunday 08/10/14 at 5:30 pm.

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- The telephone does work there is a dial tone, though the phone book is outdated 2013 and should be replaced.
- Tar at end of track across from phone area will need to addressed for safety at some point.
- Between the first 2 lamp post near the Amtrak sign thought there might be a place for a 3 sided shelter for protection.
- Spoke with local lady picking up a long time family friend that is now living back in Claremont who has used the stop for years multiple times a year. I asked what was important to them down at the stop. They said a shelter, bathroom and a buisness that would be open later to keep down vandalism from happening.

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I also spoke with a gentleman picking up someone at the stop , he used to live in DC now a resident of New London, He said there should be a kiosk or information to let customers to know that its not on location. So they do not find out the hard way. He also said he did not know there was a Airport in Claremont until recently, he suggested we get Cape Air to utilize our airport to get more options to locations to fly in and out of .

I also saw a local person I recognized Mr. David Putnam picking up his Wife and Daughter..

There where 6 vehicles on site not including mine. There where 7 people off the train . No one getting on from our location. The train arrived in at 6:00pm.

Ms. Lovett gave a update:

- She spoke with Sarah Wheelock who could not make it to the meeting. She was invited to next meeting 8/20 or 8/26 to talk with us about putting a travel package together and speaking about our rail stop with information and ideas.
- Follow up with Planning and Development of update (CATS) next week or the following.
- Ask Our City Manager to have Planning and Development to send a letter to NNEIRI that this committee has be formed and our intent of this committee is to improve this stop with upgrades and amenities.

Opened up for public comment and suggestions:

Ms Lovett asked Mr. Raymond if he got the information on the freight being brought in on how much it could save? He stated not yet he was going to get that he did stop down at the Grappone dealers and talked with the rail authority down there.

Ms. Lovett mentioned about the Concord Freight Line / Spur (Claremont Concord Railway)

- tried to call the P.O.C.
- Wanted to know if it was all freight received in.
- going to research who owns it

Ms. Towle said taking from this conversation point:

- need to talk to Mr. Lavalley for information of owner and freight.
- How to make improvements
- Speak with Structural Steel
- Speak with Grappone in concord

Mr. Davis says start with Bill at Lavalleys contact him is the place to start..

Mr. Gagnon says he will talk with Bill at Lavalleys and get a update to us.

- He also will contact Stanley Beringers Son about information or pictures of our railroad stop and some history on it.

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Ms. Lovett :

- Stated there could be Federal Funding if the Depot is Historic
- Grants out there if Historic on the National historic Registry of Deeds
- different types of funding including internal/external

Ms. Lambert stated that a gentleman Ron Garzo has photos of the Depot and writes for a magazine and is going to invite him for input at 8/20/2014

Ms. Towle :

- three to four short term priorities
- #1 Safety for people / passengers
- shelter/seating/ramp
- Transportation Identifying needs of.
- Current Information
- signage /website
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Ms. Towle asked if the cameras on site down there and are they actually taped and watched for activity.

Mr. O'Hearne stated:

- Need to get requirements from Amtrak
- Platform needs raised or sheltered ramp needed?
- Need to think about adding parking on City owned Land

Ms. Lovett stated we get two signs for free, looking for where at the main artery's of the City do we want to place these signs? We also get trail blazer signs. Ms. Lovett stated the Green arrow circle signs would be more uniformed. (Kit 5) to be placed strategically.

Mr. Gagnon stated we could direct them into the downtown if they are already in the heart of the City . If coming in from the outer parts of our town lines then you wouldn't make them go past the direct route.

- There was discussion and came to conclusion from all at meeting :
- Charlestown Rd near Welcome Sign
- Plains Rd / Main St
- Washington St
- Hannover St
- Drappers Corners
- Rt 12 South From Cornish
- Rt 12 North
- Chestnut St

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A motion was made by Ms. Towle and seconded by Mr. Reed to go in to Non- Public Pursuant to RSA 91-A3,II(d)- Real Estate and to invite Pat Lambert.

Roll call vote: 3-0 motion carried

7:05 pm went in to non public.

7:33 pm went back into Public Session

A motion was made by Ms. Towle and seconded by Ms. Reed to Adjourn

Voice vote: 3-0 motion carried

Meeting Adjourn 7:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
James P. Reed Jr.