

Village Pathway's Committee
March 10, 2011
2:35pm Town Hall

Attending: Liz Lapham (Chairperson), Pam Coburn, Angela LaBrecque, Carol Gerken, Ginny Lovett, Tammy Levesque, and Chris Schwidder

Meeting called to order at 2:35 by Liz Lapham.

Minutes from January 13th and notes from February 10th meetings were approved.

Carol Gerken updated the committee on Safe Routes to School. Carol met on February 10, 2011 with the PTO to review what we would like to do, advised the group of the Stake Holder involved and solicited their support in the project. Principal Steve Kelly, Elem. School Principal, was in attendance and suggested connecting it with the Walk-a-Thon that takes place in the spring. It was also discussed linking it with the October National Safe Walk to School month. The PTO has informed Carol that we have their support. Our next steps will be to:

1. Determine what the community wants to do
2. Generate the survey that is required to go to Stake Holders and schools
3. Organize a Walk/Bike event
4. Determine who the PTO representative will be
5. Contact PTO in regards to Walk-a-Thon for date and use as a starting point

Angela will contact John Corrigan, NH Dot, to determine what the grant can be used for.

Also discussed was the possible use of a tool such as, Survey Monkey, to do the survey.

Carol is waiting to hear back from Beth Colby of Newfound who had previously offered to help.

Changes made to Historical Map were approved.

Committee approved the following:

1. 2in = 1/3 mile
2. remove scale
3. keep arrows
4. keep RR indication
5. Keep Red and Yellow extended lines
6. minor changes made to narrative

Liz met with Rita Polehmus from the Meredith Historical Society to review what we were interested in doing, suggested that the Historical Society be the repository for the information collected, discussed the possibility of the Historical Society getting a grant to develop a voice narrative tour and equipment. Liz was given a copy of a previous walking tour of Meredith used in the 1950's entitled, "A talking Tour of Main Street Circa 1890. Liz also met with Ann Sprague, who did village walking tours, and obtained a copy of her presentation. All of the information proved to be very informative.

Liz, Pam, Sandy and Chris will meet on Monday March 14th to review and edit the draft copies of the Historical Map narratives. Fran Orenstein has generously offered to help with the map's 4 fold layout. The idea of a virtual tour of Meredith and additional more detailed historical information be available on the Meredith website was briefly discussed.

Time table for the Historical Map is as follows:

1. Monday meeting to complete narrative. Revisions to be sent to committee for their review prior to the April's meeting.
2. April 14th meeting-final approval of written material
3. Send approved information to Ann, Paul, and Rita and set specific due date for their comments and changes.
4. In the meantime, start to finalize map's layout and obtain sponsors
5. Object of June 9th for completion of Historical Map

First printing will be 1000 copies. Angela will check to determine if hearing is needed for us to accept money from sponsors for advertisements.

Tammy informed the committee about Better Together's successful "Cabin Fever Festival" in Laconia and the group's desire to organize a quarterly event in the Lakes Region. Tammy suggested that Better Together use the Street Dance and Family Fun Night in Meredith on July 22 for their summer event and the proceeds go to the Meredith Historical Society to help with the cost of the historical map. Tammy will provide Liz with more information about Better Together and what they would like to see happen. Liz expressed her concern that she did not want to use this event for the "Launch" of the historical map.

New Business.

Meredith Walk scheduled for May 21st. Liz has spoken with the Chamber, arranged for the sign at Hesky Park and will contact closer to the date for the electronic sign. We will solicit Hannaford for water and Liz still has T-shirts available.

The save the date was received from Walk NH, which is the same week as the Meredith Walk. Further discussion will take place regarding what our participation will be.

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by Chris Schwidder