

## Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approve [minutes from Oct. meeting](#)
3. November 20 Community meeting
  - a. [Draft agenda for Nov. 20.](#)
  - b. [Draft timeline](#) - Review timeline gaps
4. Grant project to do:
  - a. grant extension signature
  - b. Nov. 20 community meeting
  - c. Research landscape architect firms for pricing - planning and implementation scoping
  - d. Hire project mgr/facilitator for landscape planning? Or hire landscape firm to help us through that process.
  - e. Plan for next CRP grant submission.
5. Nov. 20 to do:
  - a. Room set up
  - b. Refreshments
  - c. [Outreach plan](#) follow-up
6. Town Comprehensive Planning update

## Minutes:

Attending: Lissa Widoff, Lex Bennett, Steve Bennett, Sean Murphy, Prentice Grassi, LAura Greeley

Guests: Rene , Elaine Higgins

1. Call to Order
2. Oct mtg minutes approved unanimously
3. Nov 20 Community Meeting
  - a. Draft Timeline review - Lissa requested additional info from Steve to fill in draft timeline. A few gaps remain but it is enough for now.
  - b. Facilitation - Discussion with Rene about how best to handle facilitation of meeting. He suggested and all agreed that he would facilitate the entire meeting, giving all committee members the opportunity to participate fully. Committee expressed gratitude to Rene for serving in this role. He suggested giving people 3 minutes to comment or Q each segment of the presentation with a full 20 min for the presentation of the vision for the site. Lissa described the vision as a reflection of past surveys and the site limitations that point to a multi-purpose public access site that combines wetland protection, conservation and public access, all supported by the goals of the grant received for the site assessment

work. Both Steve and Sean expressed a sense that the grant was a waste of money and Lissa and Prentice and Lex responded the professionally done work allows us to build on the results in a way that makes it easier for landscape designers and other professionals to help us with further site planning and implementation. Steve and Sean agreed that we can move forward.

- c. Draft Agenda for Nov 20 - much discussion on how much time to go to Historical context. Steve B left mtg in the middle of discussion. Lissa and Sean agreed to cover the economic and cleanup history of the site. Lissa will follow-up with Sean to review highlights to cover. Lex will help create powerpoint so we can use photos and maps for the presentation. Laura Greeley will see if she has a screen to use. Lex has projector. Prentice will fold solar component of presentation into the overview of grant purpose that Lissa will lead. All present agreed that we can be informal and engaging, include Haley-Ward in the presentation and generate further interest. Lissa will revise agenda per input and circulate next week.

#### 4. Grant Project to do:

- a. Grant extension signature - Complete
- b. Nov 20 community meeting - **We will meet at town office Nov 18 6pm to finalize PPT and prepare the room for the 11/20**
- c. Research landscape architect firms for pricing - planning and imp scoping
- d. Hire project mgr/facilitator for landscape planning? Or hire landscape firm to help us through that process
- e. Plan for next CRP grant submission

#### 5. Nov 20. To do:

- a. Room setup
- b. Refreshments
- c. **Outreach plan follow-up - Facebook post will go out ASAP - Letter to go out in mail tuesday - Prentice to reach out to chuck H. to get update in newspaper**
- d. Print Outs - Lex will get printouts
  - i. Agenda, when finalized
  - ii. Timeline, when finalized
  - iii. Maps - TBD
- e. PowerPoint Creation -lex
- f. Projector Screen - laura and maybe prentice for back-up
- g. Projector - Lex

#### 6. Town comprehensive planning update

- a. Lissa asked Laura about the Comprehensive Planning survey that is being distributed. The intent and purpose is not clear, including the claim that 25% of the population need to fill out the survey in order to be able to update the comprehensive plan. Laura believed it was a requirement for this grant opportunity or support through KVCOG.

7. Lissa updated the committee on the MDOT Village Improvement Grant - Lissa spoke to Steve Cole, the contact person at MDOT who had not yet been contacted by the town regarding this grant opportunity. I told him about the pending bridge rebuild, Freedom's involvement with the CRP and adjacent needs such as parking, the Grange, Keen Hall restoration and the hoped-for re-opening of the General Store. The VIG do require a commitment to create a community vision and if enrolled in the program, MDOT will designate a planner to participate and grants to support the process are \$15k-150k. Typically town centers need to be at least a half mile long but the various side streets that are part of the downtown and the number of potential interconnected projects make Freedom eligible for support. He thought that the walkability focus and aims to bring down the actual speed limit in the village were consistent goals for that grant program. He said to keep him posted. Lissa will continue to track this opportunity.

**Next Steps:**

- Lissa to ask CRP/GOPIF when the next grant cycle would be after this december
- Meeting to prep for CDAC Town Meeting - Monday Nov. 18th 2024 - room set up, finalize powerpoint approve final agenda
- CDAC Town Input Meeting on 20th
- Ask Haley- Ward what they need?
- Update Talking Points for the presentations - Lissa will share next week
- Lissa will contact Julian R re interest in joining CDAC or helping with some grant writing.
- Outreach plans noted above