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September 18, 2014

South Grafton Community House, 27 Main Street, South Grafton

A meeting of the Mill Villages Advisory Committee was held on September 18, 2014 in the South Grafton Community House.

Present from the Committee: Philip Gauthier, Chairman; Kenneth Grew, Vice Chairman (joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m.); Andrew Kjellberg, Clerk; and Members Ruth Anderson, Jonathan Lincoln, Ann Morgan, Robert Nault. Also present: Joe Laydon, Town Planner; Betty Wright, Recreation Director

Absent from the Committee: None.

Chairman Gauthier called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. **ACTION ITEMS** – Open Session Minutes – tabled to next meeting.
2. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion with Recreation Director, Betty Wright – Betty Wright reported on Chain of Lights Open House 12-4 on December 7 and that Santa would go from Grafton Credit Union to the Common. Phil Gauthier thought that if Santa were not too tired, that perhaps he'd come to Mill Villages Park after the Common and perhaps we could get Buggy Whip Catering to provide hot chocolate, etc. Betty Wright said she'd coordinate with the Chairman and that the item could be discussed at the October meeting.

The Committee and Betty discussed scheduling/coordinating future events so as not to prevent conflicts between the Committee sponsored events and events organized by the Recreation Department. Family Movie Night at Mill Villages Park was discussed Betty said and that she'd get back to us in October with more particulars and costs. She also suggested that the Committee sponsor events at alternating locations every other summer on Wednesday nights so that some would be at the Common and some would be in the Park. Ms. Wright noted that there was grant money available for events and that she usually schedules her events in Jan-Feb time-frame for Wednesday night events. The Grafton Cultural Council Grant Program is available and she thought someone from the Committee should be a member.

Ms. Wright noted that some Towns people might like an ice skating rink at Mill Villages Park. Mr. Nault talked a little about potential liability issues. Mr. Laydon stated that he would find out about insurance and liability and report back to the Committee in October.

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Mr. Kjellberg asked if there was sufficient lighting to make skating safe. A lot of questions were raised about installation, maintenance, water supply, size and plowing. The Committee asked that Phil Johnson of Parks and Cemeteries be invited to the October meeting to discuss these issues.

- B. Main Street PNF Update / Crosswalks Issue – Mr. Laydon discussed the Cross Street, Providence Road crosswalk issues with regard to streetscapes project and he'd try to get more info before October meeting. He talked about the 4 million dollar upgrade to South Grafton Streetscape exclusive of Chapter 90 funding and possible sidewalks.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Brick Program Update - Ann Morgan reported that 12 more bricks had been recently sold. Ken Grew suggested putting a flyer in Grafton News as a stuffer to try to sell more bricks. He said that he would find out about pricing. Mr. Gauthier noted that Brian Turcotte had volunteered to install the bricks from the Round 2 sales. Ms. Wright suggested that the Committee set up a booth to advertise /sell bricks during the "Grafton Celebrates the Holidays" event.
- B. Main Street Bride Lights – Bid Update: Mr. Laydon reported that the deadline for bid submission was September 24th. All bids will be reviewed with the Town Administrator's Office.
- C. CPC Application for Little Bank – Sign Update: Mr. Gauthier noted that progress was being made on the fabrication of the sign. The gold leaf letters will be installed on either a hunter green or black background. The application was approved at spring Town Meeting at the cost of \$2,500.
- D. Park Entrance Sign Replacement – Update: The sign maker has informed Mr. Gauthier that progress is underway and that it will be done soon.
- E. Snapping Turtle Sign – Update: Ann Morgan noted that the signs have been installed by the Department of Public Work.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ann Morgan, seconded by Robert Nault. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.


Respectfully submitted by
Andrew Kjellberg, Clerk