

1 **Improvements Committee Meeting**

2 **Wednesday, June 25, 2014**

3 **6:30 p.m.**

4 **Municipal Building Community Room**

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6 **MINUTES**

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8 **Present:** Bill Kaigle, Chair (Historical Society); Amy Cook (At-Large); Lori Donna (Economic  
9 Development Commission); Pilar Paulsen (Artists' Guild Alternate); Henry  
10 Bonges (Planning Commission)  
11 **Absent:** Gisela Alpert (Artists' Guild); Julie Rutz (Planning Commission Alternate)  
12 **Others:** None  
13 **Staff:** Katherine Sonnick (Planning Director); Brian Palaia (Town Manager)

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15 **I. Call to Order**

16 The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

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18 **II. Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2014**

19 Katherine Sonnick noted that she was not clear in who had taken the responsibly for the items on lines  
20 59 and 60. The minutes were amended to note that it was Henry for Trees and Gisela for Public Art. Bill  
21 Kaigle MOVED to approve the Minutes as amended, SECOND by Pilar Paulson. APPROVED 4-1-0. Lori  
22 Donna did not vote.

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24 **III. New Business:**

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26 **A. Ranking and Prioritization of Projects/Priorities**

27 The Committee began their discussion by agreeing to each provide a report on the items the researched  
28 further. Henry Bonges began by noting he would do further investigation on the train station, the Route  
29 7 multi-use path and trees/landscaping. The Committee discussed the Town's plans for sidewalks and  
30 multi use paths throughout town. Amy Cook shared her conclusions on the sensory garden, community  
31 gardens and Farmer's Market. Lori also talked about the community garden as well as Community  
32 Sponsored Agriculture (CSA). Amy noted that she had looked into the cleanup contest and arts center  
33 ideas. Lori addressed voluntary aesthetic guidelines and noted that she intends to gather more  
34 information, but envisioned that they would be incorporated into the Zoning Regulations. She also  
35 noted that the Planning Commission was looking into density bonuses and a "working" map that would  
36 be a guideline new development of roads, parks, paths, etc. Amy suggested looking at some other  
37 towns' regulations to show by comparison what we are hoping for is far less. Bill shared the information  
38 he had gathered about the Stannard House rehabilitation as well as the Creamery. Pilar shared that she  
39 had looked into a town pool. She also noted that Gisela had done some research on way-finding signage  
40 and thinks it is a key priority. Katherine shared some ideas that she had from the Vermont Planners  
41 Association, including public infrastructure maintenance, a business association to work together in  
42 cleaning up, before/after visualizations, and a local match grant program.

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44 They Committee then drafted their top ideas but would talk further about some secondary ideas and  
45 give some more detail on the list they are currently working on. The list is the following: Stannard  
46 House restoration, multi-use path, landscaping, underground utilities, lighting, voluntary aesthetic  
47 guidelines, hourglass/town green, way-finding signage, and reactivation of the business association,

48 public infrastructure maintenance and develop municipal grant/micro loans for aesthetic improvements.  
49 The secondary ideas are as follows: indoor/outdoor pool, contest, wish list, gardens and public art,  
50 thematic initiatives and town public relations campaign.

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52 **IV. Items for Future Agendas**

53 The Committee decided they would finalize their project list and organize their presentation to the  
54 Selectboard.

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56 Next meeting is scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

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58 **V. Adjournment**

59 Henry Bonges MOVED to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. and, SECOND by Lori Donna. Unanimously APPROVED.

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61 Respectfully Submitted,

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65 Katherine Sonnicks, Planning Director