

1 **Improvements Committee Meeting**

2 **Wednesday, September 24, 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); Gisela Alpert (Artists’ Guild); Amy Cook (At-
9 Large); Pilar Paulsen (Artists’ Guild Alternate)

10 **Absent:** Henry Bonges (Planning Commission); Lori Donna (Economic Development
11 Commission); Julie Rutz (Planning Commission Alternate)

12 **Others:** None

13 **Staff:** Katherine Sonnick (Planning Director)

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15 **I. Call to Order**

16 The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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18 **II. Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2014**

19 Bill Kaigle MOVED to approve the Minutes as written, SECOND by Amy Cook. APPROVED 4-0.

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21 **III. New Business:**

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23 **A. Updates**

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26 **B. Presentation of Priorities: Evaluations for Selectboard Packets**

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28 **Ranking and Prioritization of Projects/Priorities**

29 Although Henry was not able to attend, he sent via email his “homework.” This included the
30 priorities he was assigned with the supporting argument and information. All agreed that the
31 format he used was a good thorough and concise way to present the information. Bill will use
32 Henry’s format of “benefit”, “vision”, “cost and Funding” and “other considerations” and provide a
33 word document where everyone can fill in their findings. The Committee discussed the type of tree
34 that should be planted and decided that the trees as suggested in Henry’s report on street trees.
35 They decided that the report should show some possible types of trees, but the actual type of tree
36 would be chosen if the project was implemented. They also discussed where the trees should be
37 planted, this also would be decided later, but they thought that it should be around Hartley Auto.
38 Gisela shared more of her findings on underground utilities. She noted that she spoke with Ken
39 Nolan from Burlington Electric and will be speaking with a representative from GMP. She also spoke
40 with representative from Johnson and Morrisville and shared their experiences. She will provide
41 further information for the final summary. Bill shared his information on way-finding signage and
42 will provide more for the written document. The Committee provided some input on what
43 designations could have signs, such as the municipal park, town forest, Eagle Mountain, the Lamoille
44 River, the schools, Historical Society, etc. Amy will provide more information on lighting, but she
45 noted that often VTrans has lighting standards that have been required to be met, like in Essex
46 Junction. Milton would likely not be required to meet those standards. Katherine noted that the TIF
47 district has potential funding for this. Amy also spoke of voluntary Aesthetics and looked at

48 Manchester's guidance and thought that something like that could work in Milton, but perhaps
49 scaled down a bit. Bill provided an update of the progress with the Stannard House effort and they
50 reiterated that the Town still could have a roll in the future of the building. Katherine will look
51 further into Property Maintenance and the Business Association. She will talk with Tony Micklus and
52 provide the write up on the topic. They noted that Henry's work on multi-use paths and Attracting
53 Desired Businesses looked good. The Committee removed public infrastructure maintenance from
54 the list. Gisela spoke about the Town Green and the Vermont Council on the Arts grant. She noted
55 that the plan was to apply for a grant even though the future of the hourglass intersection was
56 unclear.

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58 Bill will provide a word document where the Committee could fill in their items, and send it back to
59 Bill by October 1st. He will send out to the Committee by October 8th and the Committee will be able
60 to comment until Oct 10. The completed document will be provided to the Selectboard by October
61 14 in time to be on the October 20th agenda.

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63 **IV. Items for Future Agendas**
64 The next meeting will be with the Selectboard. Katherine encouraged everyone to attend the October 6
65 joint SLB and Planning Commission meeting to discuss the Route 7 Corridor Study.

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67 **V. Adjournment**
68 The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

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70 Respectfully Submitted,
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74 Katherine Sonnick, Planning Director