

Living Well Minutes 9/9/2019

Attending: Al Ahlers, Pasha Marlowe, Gay Peterson, Ginny Vandyke, Donna Palmer, Steven Palmer

Location: Town office meeting room

Time: 7PM

- **Kite Festival**

Pasha provided information on the proposed African Drummer group music program. The committee unanimously agreed to have them perform at the festival and agreed on the \$300 fee. Donna distributed posters for the festival. Committee members chose locations for posting them. The posters will go up within the next week. Gay agreed to paint new numbers on the old road signs and the committee agreed to purchase 4 additional signs to augment placement in Cumberland, North Yarmouth and Yarmouth. The new signs will indicate the date as the first Saturday in October. Pasha will try to solicit volunteers to cover the kite making table, Gay has reached out to the historical society for beverages and additional choices for food, Steve has contacted Rob Hale to invite the swim boosters club to offer slices of pie as a replacement for Toot's and Steve has reached out to Parks and Recreation to provide additional parking attendant(s) to assist Jeanne Chadbourne, who has once again volunteered to help. The group agreed a \$2 cost for making a kite is appropriate.

- **Traffic Calming**

The tentative date for implementing the DOT and Bike/Pedestrian Coalition plan for the section of route 115 and Route 9 has been set as Sept 24, 26th. The involvement of Living Well was an unknown at the time of the meeting. Steve will communicate with the team when such information becomes available. The group discussed putting up kites. After discussion Al and Steve agreed to try to set up a few groups of kites to promote the Kite in Sight slogan and the kite festival. Members advocated for reinstalling the large Kite in Sight banner.

- **Participation in the Celebration Ceremony**

Donna informed the committee of how Living Well will be involved in the Nov 2nd opening celebration. All members are encouraged to make themselves available during the day to provide assistance in taking people around, answering questions, setting at the joint committee table(s) and most importantly, providing the morning refreshments. We will purchase coffee, tea, water and sweets. We were asked to reach out to Stone's for perhaps cookies. We will have a meeting to discuss this further once we have a clearer understanding from the celebration committee as to the exact plans for the day.

- **Baston Park**

Al spoke to the efforts to make Baston Park a more visible, attractive and important access launch to Royal River. Steve and he have been working with the town, Parks and Recreation and DEP to get this on the active to do list. The first part will be to remove the undergrowth and make the river and park more visible. Because public

works is shorthanded it is unlikely that any work will occur. The ability to make this park a handicapped accessible entrance to Royal River is quite promising.

- **Resource Guide**

Donna asked if it was time to review the resource guide for updating. This guide has been printed in a limited number and is more widely available on the website. The question was asked as to how people access the guide and who uses it. It was felt the on-line version serves a certain segment of our population, while the printed, hold in hand version, serves a different population. Location of the guide on the website was examined and it was decided Donna would review the appropriateness of the guide's location on the website. Donna will inform members how to find the guide to allow members to review the accuracy of the guide. Ginny suggested a call be made to the services referenced in the guide for accuracy. While this was left as a project for the winter people should begin the review process and report questions and findings to Donna.

- **September 17th meeting**

Committee members were encouraged to attend the joint committee meeting workshop with the BOS at 5:30, September 17th. At that meeting Steve will call attention to the difficulty in getting volunteers.

- **New Members**

This meeting was set in hopes of meeting prospective new members. See above. Everyone agrees this is a pervasive problem with no easy solutions.

- **Other Business**

Donna read the thank you note from Priscilla Broast

First Greeter was discussed. Gay will contact Cheryl to understand why she is not getting notifications of new residents. The last greeter was in May.

Steve mentioned Hadacol Bouncers, a New Orleans jazz band. There is a potential to have them perform later in the year as a special program.

- * **Next Meeting**

In light of the difficulty in getting new members the committee agreed we should return to our 1PM time. The next meeting will be Oct 21st at 1.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50

Submitted by Steven Palmer