



Acton 2020 Committee
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I. Introductions

a. Attendees:

- Kat Hudson
- Dylan Ambrosoli (ABHS Student)
- Eric Solomon
- Roland Bartl
- John Sonner
- Vicky Wallih
- Bruce Forman
- Mike Shailer
- Charlie Mercier
- Celia Kent
- Andrew Brockway

b. Introduction

- Made introductions and discussed 2020's mission

II. Review of the March 27, 2013 Minutes – (5 min)

- Approved without changes

III. Debrief – Town Meeting – (15 min)

- 2020 vote passed.
 - Kelley's Corner subcommittee should be created. We need to make sure that it is comprised of people from groups other than just 2020 (like FINCOM, etc.).
 - There was concern from the townspeople about eminent domain, and that land would be taken away from townspeople.
 - Celia pointed out that proof of a successful project would be that the majority of the KC neighbors were supportive of it.
 - The major issues brought up were related to cost of the project.
 - Some questioned why we should do this when it was done 15 years ago. Others felt that we should revisit this *at least* every 15 years, no matter what!
- Morrison Farm failed.
 - Some people who supported it were not at Town Meeting for the vote.
 - Not enough of the public knew about it; and there was not enough public outreach.
 - 2020 should take note of these issues.

IV. Acton 2020 High School Committee (Dylan Ambrosoli, ABRHS student) – (20min)

- Dylan pointed out that the KC area is the most relevant area to high school students. He plans on creating a student organization/after class club to get students involved, to get their ideas, and spread awareness and support.
 - He is involved in a program to promote students into leadership rolls, and to create community organizations.
 - His next steps are to find a faculty member advisor, to assess that there is student interest, and present the proposal to the administration to get approval for the committee.
- There are lots of different ways for students to get involved.
 - manage a forum on our blog or some online presence
 - create town outreach for meetings and for presenting ideas to the public
 - have the design consultants involve the student community
- The project has not evolved enough for 2020 to know how to support it.
- We might be able to support the club with food sponsored by local KC stores.
- Dylan is thinking on scheduling his club meeting either the day before or after the 2020 meeting.
- There was eager and unanimous support from the committee for this

V. Schedule and tasks moving forward – (30 min)

a. Kelley's Corner

- There was some discussion about the “design” and “plans” phase and which should come first
 - We can create the vision, and then identify what the needs are
 - You can define the constraints, and then create our vision based on those.
 - But our process should do both in an iterative path, doing a little bit of both at the same time.
- We are designing both the public infrastructure, as well as how the private development should be built out.
- Roland will be on vacation for the rest of the month
- It will take a bit of time to put the RFP together.
 - Public meeting should start in the fall or spring (not winter holiday, nor summer vacation)
 - We might want to aim for having the public meetings in the spring.
 - If we want to involve other committee members (ie: FINCOM/sidewalk/etc.) then we will also want to give us some extra time.

- Once we put together a proposal, we would want to give the public at least 4 weeks to give feedback.
- If we get a couple of proposals, it will then take time to review them all.
- The general (initial) layout for the timeline could be:
 - Spring – put together the plan
 - Early summer - goes out to the street
 - Early fall – selection of consultants
 - Late fall - consultants on board and ready to work
- Next meeting we should list who should be on the committee for KC, and who would focus on the RFP
- When the proposals come in, the committee rates them without knowing what the costs are, then the town manager opens up the costs and evaluates the proposals.
- CVS project (new site at the Goodyear building) got a “favorable rating” from the DRB. They will make a proposal to the selectmen with plans etc, but that has not happened yet.
- Panera (at the McDonald's) has already submitted their plan for construction and permits. The public hearing is scheduled for April 22. It would include taking down the current building.
- Eden's who owns the lower/upper plaza (Roche Bros. to Not Your Average Joes) will do a major façade improvement.

b. Other 2020 Plan Goals

- This will be the topic of the next meeting

VI. Administrative Updates (15min)

a. Committee membership

- Celia was nominated as the interim-chair,
- We are hoping that Kat will take the chair position

b. Committee structure