

August 21th, 2023
7:00 PM
Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grant Steering Committee
Temple Town Hall - Annex

Attendees:

Pam Kingston, Chair; Carter Sartell, Vice Chair; Ivy Vann, Consultant; Marie Lennartz; Cathy Joly, Daniel Cournoyer, Connie Kieley, Guest

Zoom:

Christine Robidoux, Guest

Absent:

Russ Huntley, Secretary, Sean Radcliffe , Alan Fox, Lilliane LeBel, Carol Ogilvie; Consultant

I. Chair: Welcome and call to Order

Pam called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

II. Approval of Draft Minutes for August 7th

The minutes were discussed but there was not a quorum to approve the minutes from August 7th. We will approve at a future meeting.

III. New Business

A. Moosewood Ecological Regulatory Audit

One of the recommendations from Moosewood Ecological to the Planning board was to do a natural resources regulatory audit as well as create the Geographic Information System (GIS) overlay maps (once the town has a GIS system in place).The proposal from Moosewood Ecological is 8-10K that could come out of the HOP Grant's current budget. Christine is looking for input on this and whether the Steering Committee would recommend it to the Planning Board. Based on our remaining budget and the scope of work, Ivy is comfortable with

the remaining budget to complete her work if we choose to spend the money on the audit done by Moosewood Ecological.

Cathy makes the motion to recommend that the Planning Board use the existing grant money to do the natural resources regulatory audit. Carter seconds, all in favor by roll call vote.

Christine also updated the group that the grant committee is no longer accepting applications for the regulatory development grant discussed in the last meeting.

B. Community Engagement

1. Let's Talk About Where We Live

Ivy recommends having a town meeting in a neutral place such as the school. The goal is to center people in a way that is less fraught to discuss where they live. Ideally someone from the committee would kick the meeting off talking about the grant then turn it over to Ivy to address the activities.

Community members would sit at tables in groups of 5-6 with two members of the committee as the scribe and conductor. The general flow would be to have people make introductions then jump into the following questions:

- What is your living situation now, how well does it work for you?
- Think 10 years from now, how well does your house work for you now?
- Think about people who are not in this room, what are they looking for?
- When you think of a village, what do you see?

Once the exercise is complete there would be discussion with the entire room about what things they heard that surprised them.

We would like to do this on Saturday September 9th at 2:30. Pam will confirm the location and if committee members can participate.

2. Harvest Festival

Ivy suggested doing a visual preference study with large pictures of actual buildings and give people red and green stickers to put next to the photos to indicate their preferences.

Potentially have people sign-up for future forums at these two events.

Future Forums Dates:

- Sept 18th, 7 PM, Sept 28th 6:30, Sept 30th 10 AM (fall back date Oct 11th, 6:30)

IV. Determine Next Steps

By the end of October, we should have a good idea of what is practical to recommend to the planning board.

We will cancel the meeting September 4th due to Labor Day, our next meeting is September 18th, 2023 7:00

Cathy makes the motion to adjourn at 8:18, Dan seconds, all in favor by roll call vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carter Sartell