

CDAC meeting Agenda
Wed Nov 5, 2025, 6-7:30 pm
Town office

1. Approval Past Minutes - 7/2, 7/23 (No quorum), 8/6, 9/3
2. Regroup on the Master Plan Presentation also on Freedom Town Website [HERE](#).
 - a. [Master plan](#)
 - b. [10/1 presentation Slides](#)
 - c. [Link to the zoom recording](#)
 - d. Final CRP Report Submission - Lissa is currently working on finishing this up.
3. Discussion of next steps
 - a. Phases, costs
 - b. Additional community outreach/engagement
 - c. Future Funding Opportunities
4. Next mtg date, members

Minutes:

Attending: Lissa, Sean, Wilson Hess, Raivo Vihman

No Quorum, but discussion notes below:

1. Approval Past Minutes - 7/2, 7/23 (No quorum), 8/6, 9/3

No Quorum, minutes not approved at mtg

NOTE: all minutes approved, including these approved via email vote concluding 11/12/25

2. Regroup on the Master Plan Presentation also on Freedom Town Website [HERE](#).
 - Sean felt we could have made better use of the consultant. Lissa clarified we had a limited budget and we did what we could and the group as a whole guided his work. We all agreed that Steve Ribble was terrific and would be interested in his continued involvement. Sean said he wished it were possible to not only see the stream as a signifier of the town's past farm-based industrial history but that it could be part of a water powered future. Lissa reminded the group that the floodplain is a limitation for construction but the historical evidence along the stream is still an asset for the town. DEP approvals for mill impoundment along the stream would not be likely. In addition, the wetland on the site do offer flood protection.

- The group overall began reviewing maps and the recommended phasing for any future work on the site. In general, all reiterated the excitement for a historical trail that links the site and the village. In addition, the Oct. 1 meeting emphasized that we try to develop things on our own with community resources where possible, before seeking grants.
- The group also reiterated the need to get Selectboard and town approval and any major steps to be taken for the site.

3. Discussion of next steps

The following next steps were recommended:

- a. Open up the old road access at general store end of lot
 - i. Confirm boundary line survey at the corner of the lot by the store, check survey, check with Steve B and new owner.
 - ii. Reach out to other abutters to Cannery Lot site to make sure they are aware of Master Plan proposal, especially new owner of Freedom General Store.
 - iii. See if Public works can do this work, and estimate costs. Otherwise see if any local in-kind resources are available.
- b. Explore requirements for removing portions and leveling remainder of concrete pads while assuring proper drainage on the site
 - i. Is there potential to recycle/reuse the concrete
 - ii. Ask Public works for guidance, have meeting with Loren on site with interested committee members. Lissa will help schedule a daytime meeting in November with Loren on site.
 - iii. Consider least cost options in near term, to at least create a safe level area for community use.
- c. Begin mapping out the historical trail as a downtown corridor that can anchor future community development - Store, Grange, Keen Hall, Mill, pedestrian bridge, etc.
 - i. Historical Soc. will host a program in January featuring Sean Murphy and his research into the old mill remnants, supported by Steve's photography, etc.
 - ii. Reach out to Grange to discuss how the new DOT bridge on 137 will include pedestrian access and land at Grange parking lot. Find out how they envision future possibilities for community village connections and history.
 - iii. Contact Buck O'Herin re: Hills to Sea access trail across from current kiosk, it is hard to find, not marked well.

- iv. Consider a field day with folks interested in seeing the mill remnants and maybe flagging a trail. Try to do this in early Dec. Note that Sean is not available first two Saturdays in Dec. Agreed that a Friday can be an option. After field visit, determine whether engaging a trail designer is helpful. Lissa will reach out to committee to set a date for a site visit.
- v. Once trail plan is clear, consider engaging Waldo County Corrections for trail development as a service project. Saplings also need to be removed from the mill remnants to prevent destabilization of the stone structures.
- vi. Historical society might be willing to help seek grants for research and interpretive development of not only Sandy Stream mill remnants, but other sites of significance in Freedom village.

d. Funding opportunities/future needs

- i. Find out next CRP Community Action Grant deadline
- ii. Talk again with Joe Thornhill about snowmobile trail and stream bridge upgrade
- iii. Talk to Loren about what help he needs to re-open the old driving path to improve materials access and circulation as noted in the plan.