

Minutes
Community Development Advisory Committee
12/4/24

Attending: Lissa Widoff, Prentice Grassi, Sean Murphy

1. [November meeting minutes](#) were circulated and approved. Lissa will share with Beth for posting to town website
2. Cannery Lot 11.6.24 community meeting debrief -
 - a. Everyone agreed meeting went very well, was well attended, all presentations and facilitation was great.
 - b. Lissa will share the Cannery lot pdf presentation for posting on the town website, along with a link to the meeting recording, also here.

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- c. While there was good interest in the meeting, no one else has come forward to join the committee
3. Next steps with current grant- scoping our landscape design work for Cannery Lot
 - a. Lissa will get financial info from Laura to confirm how much \$ is left in the grant
 - b. We have a short list of landscape design firms collected by Grainne and from other sources. Sean offered to reach out to one or two firms to get a sense of costs and capacity for our needs. At this time, all we can commit to is guidance on costs for a full process and perhaps some initial sketches for a site lan
 - c. We also agreed it would be worth inviting Cheryl Diagle to a meeting with our committee to see what overlaying interests exist between this town project and the Sebasticook Regional Land Trust. At minimum there is shared interest in protecting the Sandy Stream Watershed.
 - d. Among some of the simple ideas discussed - planning for trails, a covered shelter for community or small group gatherings, interpretive signage identifying historical markers/sites. To be determined - who will maintain and keep up site maintenance, can the Public Works dept do that? Can a firm develop a set op blueprints with a draft lan, What would be the cost? How can we address knotweed on the site (and elsewhere in town.
 - e. Lastly, we could hire some part-time coordination staffing with funds available if it can help us move the project forward. No decision made yet.
4. Other town efforts that intersect with ours
 - a. MDOT Village Improvement Grant - seems like a very worthwhile funding program but our committee does not have the bandwidth to take this on.
 - b. Comprehensive Plan - no one knows yet who is on the committee or when it will convene or who is leading it. Seems to be the Sleectboard.

- c. We all agreed it would be worthwhile reviewing the comp plan to see what elements pertaining to the village area and potentially the Cannery Lot can and should be improved.

Respectfully submitted,
Lissa Widoff, chair