



Board of Directors' Meeting

August 18, 2022 10:00 a.m. Studio Momentum

Attending: Mary Perry, Jessica Martin, Chris Maggiolo, Carol Cole, Barbara Sanderson, Bonny Andrews, John Bond, Peter MacGillivray, Tom Herson, Jeff Taft-Dick, Neomi Lauritsen

Ex Officio: Mike Martin, Bob Flint, Jeff Mobus

1. Call to Order at 10:01 a.m. by Board President Mary Perry.
Mary is looking at an end of September Annual Meeting date.
Donorship letters are going out to individuals & businesses.
Bettina McCrady asked that we announce the Springfield Trails & Rural Economy Committee is hosting a 5K/Fun Run September 17 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Toonerville Trail.
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes (June 2022) Carol Cole/John Bond
3. Ex Officio Updates
 - MARC** No report
 - SRCOC** ~ Chamber is looking for Apple Festival Vendors October 8, 2022 from 9:00-4:00
 - SRDC** ~ **JELD-WEN** is still operating to date and shifting employees to Ludlow.
 - J & L** – Please continue to follow updates on the SRDC J & L page or social media. The site is quiet now but there is work removing the loose roofing materials. It is not a given that the remaining structure is viable. SRDC is actively marketing the site.
 - Park Street** - Sen. Sanders' earmark list for \$5 million was cut. We are preparing to bid out work for electrical and sprinkler work and hope to access the \$3 million we received in the FY22 budget later this summer.
 - BRIC** has 6 companies in the actuator program.
 - Bryant Building** Graham Bros are occupying the entire south end of the building.
<https://www.springfielddevelopment.org/>
 - Town of Springfield** ~ Jeff Mobus is working on scoping project for Clinton Street 4 lane diet. Also work continues on the scoping project for work on River Street from Elm Hill towards the Plaza. The town has the grant for new sidewalk on Mineral Street. Contract signed for April 2023. Jeff met with revitalized Main Street Committee and came up with priority list. The police chief search is complete. Jeff Burnham is our new chief as of September 1, 2022. Jeff is 30 year veteran of the police force and is outgoing, positive & full of energy.

The Art Council grant of 15K is being managed through the town. The Clothespin Sculpture project was awarded to local artist Jamie Townsend. Selectboard member Mike Martin added that the town has \$1.6 million out in loans and \$585K is still available. The town has established a Cannabis Control Commission and applicants will need to go through the Selectboard just like Liquor Control. Selectboard is also addressing water main project from Bridge Street to Community Center and blight issues. Discussion followed on quality of life in Springfield.

<https://springfieldvt.gov/>

4. Committee Reports

A. Organization

- i. Treasurers Report: Tom Hernon reported that all bills & accounts are current. First quarter payment received from the town. Financial statement will be ready for annual meeting.
- ii. Executive Director:
 1. WBB - Uplift Acrobatics is now leasing spaces 37 & 39. Potential pop up in #41 for Garden Club holiday sales.
 2. Summer 2022 Projects Summer
The crosswalk at the Edgar May slightly delayed by equipment repair issue.
 3. Working on permits for the "Light the Falls" project. Slack & Lovejoy lights will be on timers. Springfield Housing Authority & HB plumbing donations of funds & labor. Thank you!
 4. Food trucks are being scheduled for Tuesdays & Thursdays in Comtu Cascade Park. Sunny Side Taqueria on board for Thursdays.
 5. Simpson's promo/collaboration with Chamber & Black River Coffee Bar & 7 other businesses was well received. Next year will be better.
 6. Alumni 2023~ Light the poles for alumni month of June. Jessica is working towards school & community pride, getting students involved and Cosmo Nation! The 2023 theme is "At the Beach".
 7. Jessica is working with the town & MARC to complete Downtown Renewal application. We need to apply every 8 years to be a designated downtown. Jess will add the strategic plan and the application is due Oct 3, 2022.

B. Economic Development Committee Update

- i. Concerts at the Comtu~ Thank you SOM volunteers for with help with set up & take down, 50/50 raffles and gift certificate raffle. Jess has secured back up sound system should the need arise for a rain date. Claflin Family & SunnySide food trucks participating. Final concert is a lot

more work with equipment being moved off site. Judi Martin is working on wildflower garden at the park

C. Design Committee Update

- i. The Alan Woodbury plaque is to be dedicated October 8, 2022.
- ii. Volunteers needed for painting light poles (base touchups) & waste receptacles.

D. Promotions

Chris Maggiolo is helping with website updates. Mike Dion is working on updating 3-D tour of WBB and Barrett and Valley is updating their website with only 41 Main remaining for lease; SOM is looking for Blog or Vlog volunteer for content. Downtown Holiday Program is on the radar.

5. Old Business none

6. New Business: Barbara Sanderson would like to see another mural installed downtown and is willing to help finance the effort.

7. Next Meeting September 15, 2022 in person at Studio Momentum 10:00 a.m.

8. Adjournment @ 11:42

Respectively submitted,

Neomi Lauritsen