



MINUTES

DATE: August 8, 2023
TIME/PLACE: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
PRESENT: Chair Liz McDonald, Adam Bliss, Greg Michaud, Sally Walsh, Police Chief Nate Goodman, Kim True
PRESENT via Zoom: Councilor Chip Lawrence, Barbara Guffin
ABSENT: Andy Seymour, Phil Wagner
GUESTS: Councilor Dan Piltch, Brett Richardson of FEDC

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Welcome, Agenda, Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda Reviewed• Motion to approve minutes of June 13, 2023 meeting with an edit to include scheduled date of Mallett Drive paving by Greg Michaud, seconded by Sally Walsh. All approved. 6 in favor, none opposed.	Motion passed, 6-0
II. Pleasant Hill and Flying Point Road Intersection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resident brought this concern to CSC a few months ago. Police collected speed and traffic data. Speed is an issue as folks are driving 45 mph on both roads while the posted speed is 35 mph on Pleasant Hill Rd and 40 mph on Flying Point Rd. Sight visibility is also a concern. Adam shared screen of proposals: add a "Changes to traffic pattern" sign on Pleasant Hill Rd, then closer to the intersection, add a flashing "STOP sign ahead" sign, and then add a flashing STOP sign at the intersection. Before we put these signs up, we will post an electronic board to inform drivers of "New STOP sign coming." There was a suggestion to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph just before the STOP sign. Motion to accept these sign recommendations by Greg Michaud, seconded by Chip Lawrence. All approved 7 in favor, none opposed.• After vote, there was a question about sight lines, angle of turn and pole that is blocking visibility. We will continue to monitor this intersection to ensure all is working properly.	Motion passed, 7-0
III. Transit-Oriented District TIF Study (FEDC)	Brett Richardson from FEDC presented a proposal for a Transit-Oriented Development corridor along Lower Main Street. This idea came from the Sewer District discussion of high connection fees and a plan to make infrastructure upgrades. The map presented at the meeting shows the properties that could be affected. Consultants Bernstein Shur have been hired to do the tax shift analysis and determine the impact of tax dollars. CSC will create a list of prioritized suggestions for pedestrian crossing, traffic signals, and more. The Committee then discussed TIF funding mechanisms and dollars brought in as there is a need to generate revenues for the Downtown work.	



IV. Downtown Village Streetscaping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilor Dan Piltch thanked the Committee for all the work done related to Complete Streets as well as the Downtown Visioning Plan. A demonstration project is being proposed whereby a portion of the Bow and Main Street Intersection would be painted such that it narrows Main Street to allow for some shops, accessible parking, perhaps plantings, and other enhancements. This demonstration project is a less expensive way to get feedback about the viability of this proposal. The idea of adding additional Pop-up Gardens to Main Street will also be studied. Kim True volunteered to spearhead this project and to ensure that paths for bicyclists are sufficient. 	
V. Connect Freeport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara updated the Committee about Connect Freeport's wish to hire a contract position grant writer for the Land and Water Use Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant that is due June 30, 2024 deadline. Discussion revolved around presenting a case to the Town Council about what would be created, how it would be done, the likelihood of getting the grant, etc., to make a persuasive presentation to the Council. • About a year ago, we received grant funding from GPCOG to study the Route One South MUP and Landowner Outreach. This "interior segment" of the Freeport multi-use path and East Coast Greenway goes from Casco Bay YMCA to Pine Street. Adam and the Consultant from Toole Design recently walked the area and had some great ideas. The next step is to review GIS data and development and site plans of the properties. 	
VI. Downtown Vision Project Charter Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking - RFP to go out for bid on buildout of surface parking. This project has overlap with CSC purview. • Mallett Drive MUP Design is waiting for MDOT info, and then we are confident that Adam will be able to write an RFP for the project. • EV charging stations are back to the drawing board as the Level 2 charger grant deadline has passed, and we were not awarded the Level 3 Charger grant. 	
VII. Information Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedom of Access Act (FOAA) says that three or more committee people discussing a town issue constitute a meeting. More to be discussed next time. • The Maine DOT Project List will be reviewed next time. • Phil Wagner, Barbara Guffin, and Elizabeth McDonald have terms expiring September 2023 and may renew. 	
VIII. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn by Barbara Guffin, seconded by Sally Walsh, all approved, 6 in favor, none opposed. The next meeting is September 12, 2023 	Motion passed, 6-0