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TOWN OF WINCHENDON

Toy Town Community Partnership



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109 Front Street
Winchendon, Massachusetts 01475-1758
Robinson Broadhurst Conference Room 4th Floor

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2019

4th floor meeting room

109 Front Street 01475

Participants: Leston Goodrich, Art Amenta, Jane LaPointe, Tracy Murphy, Lorraine Fortugno, Dave Romanowski, Elaine Mroz, Cindy Boucher

Recording Secretary: Nicole Roberts

Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM

No public comments

New Business

CDBG FY20- Breezeway Farms is now managing our CDBG FY20 grant. Planning and Development conducted an income survey on Maynard Street last year. It was difficult in getting residents to respond to the surveys. It is our goal to work with Breezeway Farms, campaigning to educate the public on the importance of income surveys and how they relate to improving the infrastructure. The Town is eligible for 800,000 per year, capping at 1.3 million in a 2 year span.

P&D spoke of slum and blight as well as what qualifies under the program, 51% of the proposed area has to be low to moderate income. P&D feels the best choice of streets to apply for with the grant funding is Railroad Street, Beech Street would be expensive to design, as the town is responsible for the cost of the designs, where Railroad would be about 35k to design. After discussion with TTCP committee, Pond Street was brought up as being a potential Street, because it develops a gateway to the pond, It was voted in favor of Railroad Street, with an exception of Dave Romanowski voting no.

Fuel Assistance: It was a general consensus to take a year off from housing rehabilitation, focusing on infrastructure improvements and fuel assistance.

CDBG grants help improve the revitalization and community pride; this is a part of the Town of Winchendon's Master Plan.

Subcommittee Updates

IGA- Lorraine and Cindy are no longer working on the IGA Subcommittee, CHNA9 can have it.

Lorraine-vision is a set up the town as a 50&60's community- the buildings are old, so why not make the town look like the past, not the future.

Cindy- Feels we should build on the Toy Town theme along Central Street. Create sculptures of large toys along Central Street, building upon the country store theme. This will also tie into Winchendon Community Park. Perhaps a Robinson Broadhurst Grant will fund the creation of the toys?

Winchendon Community Park- OPM was hired for design specs for the property. There will be an evaluation made to possibly rebuild or repair a portion of the house to be used as a community center, as well as ideas of an Amphitheater. Picnic tables and a platform, complete with ADA access overlooking the park are also part of the plan.

Flags- Will be taken down after October 12th, as to be put away before in climate weather.

Planning and Development Updates

Shawn and Tracy are working together on the Master Plan creating a Matrix for implementation, then including the public for comment.

Ribbon cutting for Grout Park on October 12, 2019 @9AM

Fall Festival is looking for volunteers to man the bounce house

Next meeting scheduled for 10/7/19 @ 4:15PM

Meeting adjourned 5:11 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Roberts
Land Use and Planning Clerk

