

**AZALEA PARK RIVERWALK COMMITTEE
MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2016
5:00 P.M. GRANGE HALL**

ATTENDING: Jenn McCourt (Chairman), Susan Adams (Acting Secretary), Gail Hayden, Sachie Howard, Tara Marvel, Joan O'Connor, Scott Osgood, Chad Poland and Dave Connors (guest).

MINUTES: The minutes of the July 28, 2016 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chad reported that we have \$27,000 (approx.) in the account including the money from Henniker Crushed Stone for the stormwater management work. (It is exactly \$26,879.29)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sachie reported on the ARM Fund grant progress. We are requesting \$5,000.00* to help pay for materials and the construction of two tree filters and two raingardens as part of the upper park's stormwater management system, currently being designed by *Streamworks*. The purpose of the original grant was redirected to the upland stormwater management, as suggested in our discussion with DES. It will be visible progress and fit nicely with the 250th. Anniversary celebrations in 2018. Everything is ready to go with the exception of some information to be supplied by Jenn and Scott. Sachie and Susan will deliver the application on the Wednesday, August 31st. due date. The committee voted to approve the application (with suggested edits) unanimously and thanked Sachie for her excellent work. We have received letters of support from the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, the Tucker Library, the Henniker Community School Board and the Contoocook and North Branch River Advisory Board.
2. Our application to MOM has been accepted and a list of volunteer hours was passed out. Susan will follow up with the logistics list closer to the date of October 1st.
3. Susan will include the story of the found wagon wheel and the ARM Fund Grant in the up-coming town e-newsletter. We will also make an appeal for information on the missing wrought iron arch that marked the entrance to Azalea Park for years.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The 250th. Anniversary of the Town of Henniker will be summer of 2018. Terri Trier, Chairman of the Anniversary Committee, will be beginning to organize after MOM. Susan suggested that we direct all of our fundraising, beginning with our winter fundraiser, to complete the entrance to the Park for a ribbon-cutting ceremony during the 250th. celebration. This would include a wrought iron arch, an information kiosk, a redesigned pathway and native azalea plants. Sachie will pursue the Shoreland permit, Scott

and Joan will look into the arch and Susan will contact Terrain Planning for the kiosk.

2. Susan asked for ideas for the winter fundraiser raffle/auction to be held at Daniels Restaurant . We will search for a few river/park related large items.

3. We will research the Land and Water Conservation Fund as well as the NH Charitable Trust for possible grants.

4. Joan wants to be put on record stating her objection to the use of “gift” in describing the donation from Henniker Crushed Stone. Jenn again explained that the money was a gift and that Henniker Crushed Stone was not required to give it.

5. Sachie will be in touch with DES (after she concludes the ARM Fund Grant) about how we can proceed with the invasives in the park, including the necessary permits. She will be attending the Wetland Mapper workshop in September.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Adams, Secretary Pro Temp

* After a recommendation from Tom Ballestero, we are asking for \$24,000.00 in grant funds.