

**Azalea Riverwalk Park Committee Meeting
October 27, 2016 - 5:00PM
Minutes**

Meeting began at 5:05PM

Attendees: Susan Adams, Tara Marvel, Gene Fox, Marilyn Borgendale, Sachie Howard, Gail Hayden, Jenn McCourt Dave Connors, Scot Osgood & Joan O'Connor.

Minutes of September 22 meeting approved, moved by Sachie Howard, seconded by Susan Adams. Gene will forward approved minutes to Town Hall.

Old business: \$31.00 dollars in donations were collected at Music On Main Street at the Azalea Park Booth.

1. MOM- Allow two new interested parties come to next committee meeting, as guests. If they are interested in committee membership after their visit they will be given applications to join the committee as alternates.

Music on Main Street was a success.

2.

A. Grants: Chris and Sachie met with the Group about the ARM Grant. We should hear from them soon.

B. "EPA (319) Grant"-Sachie sent the proposal to DES. "Freshwater Grant".

C. River Bank discussion is not yet in progress as Stormwater concerns are on the front burner.

D. It was mentioned that "Jenn, Susan, Chris and Sachie are looking at other grants that are out there.

E. Sachie is aware of "Federal \$ that are out there". She states there is \$ 2,000,000.00 total for grants that must be used and the likelihood of one organization getting it all is not the plan.

3.

A. Fundraiser Discussion for the Daniel's location in March (end of the month-26th(?) Sunday.

B. Gifts would be limited to River Theme items such as Paintings of the river, Art work & etc. Perhaps raffling off a painting.

There would be just a Beer Tasting event, no wine this time.

C. Susan will look into raffling off a Kayak/ Canoe/ Fishing Gear, keeping with the river focus/theme and Joan volunteered to look into getting a Kayak to raffle off.

D. Money raised by the raffle would go to help fund the Park Entrance work in time for the 250th Town Celebration.

4. Eric Buck / will be at the Dec. 8th meeting, to discuss/ Park Entrance Plan.

New Business:

Next Meeting dates are; Nov.10 & Dec. 8.

1.

A. New Benches (Granite) from the March proceeds/ Fundraising Event, to be placed at the Park Entrance. Tara was going to bring in pictures to show benches.

B. Sachie reminded us that John Lyons is holding two Azalea Bushes for us to plant.

2. We'd like to replicate the Old Metal Archway. It was recommended that we should check the Milford , NH Town Ctr.

Rotary Park Artwork from a local artist to visualize what could be done with the Azalea Park/Riverwalk Entranceway. Three or so more people were mentioned as possible entrance Archway creators. There will be further discussion on the action to be taken in contacting artisans.

3. It was discussed that we need to meet with the Trustees of the Trust. This action to be taken to discuss \$ to be spent on the entrance. Last time we requested \$ from the Trust they gave \$5000.00 for publicity/ brochures and topography / boundary drawings of the Park.

4. Susan will contact the Park Department in regard to the storage of the tables already in the park for the Winter Season.

Discussion ensued as to whether items of outdoor furnishings, such as the tables, become who's responsibility for upkeep and preservation once they are placed in the Park?

At the close of the meeting Joan presented to the committee a contact name of: Bill Caswell, President for The National Society For The Preservation of Covered Bridges. This to see if he could be of assistance recommending funds, as the NEC Bridge and the Park border eachother. She gave the contact info. nspcb@yahoo.com.

There was no further discussion of this item at this time.

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Fox

Recording Secretary,
Azalea Park/Riverwalk Committee