

VILLAGE OF DEVON REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of June 17, 2010 at the M. Egan Center

Present:

Committee Members: Elizabeth Ditchkus
C. Robert Vargo
Andy Charland
Carol Eaton

Others: Robert Gregory, Liaison to the Committee
Tom Sheil, Milone & MacBroom

- I. Ms. Ditchkus called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. The minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2010, were approved.
- III. Chairman's Report

It was noted that C. Robert Vargo had been appointed to fill the position on the committee vacated by Christina D'Arcangelo.

IV. Old Business

A. Devon Day – Susan Feher

Ms. Feher said that she and her cousin, Andrea Feher, were co-chairing Devon Day. They had picked up the job when Nanci Seltzer, creator of the event, stepped down. Devon Day will take place Sunday, September 12, 2010, at Grove Circle from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. She said that finances were difficult because of the economy. Ms. Feher said she is seeking sponsorships and participation and urged support.

B. Streetscape – Bob Gregory and Tom Sheil

Mr. Gregory presented the results of the bid process for Phase IV. The low acceptable bid was G. Pic & Sons at \$323,185. The problem was that there are a number of expenses and commitments outstanding and only \$343,000 left in the grant. Those expenses included:

G. Pic (balance for Phase III)	\$13,666
Milone & MacBroom (design services)	\$27,000
Paving parking lot (estimate)	\$50,000

Inspection services (estimated)	\$20,000-\$50,000
Wayfinding Signage	\$30,000
Contingency	\$32,300

Discussion was held. The committee decided to hold back on the paving and signage and to find reductions in Phase IV that would allow the streetscape project to proceed. A motion was made to have Mr. Gregory and Mr. Sheil present a list of reductions to the committee for their approval.

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C. Wayfinding Signage

Mr. Gregory presented an update from the Wayfinding Committee chaired by Lynda Smith Tellier. Based on the previous discussion as noted above, the committee decided to hold back on its previous commitment at this time.

D. Housatonic River Park Sign

Ms. Eaton presented the cost estimates from Mr. Sign. A motion was made and seconded to erect a 2'x4' sign with gold leaf (not carved) for \$300.

Discussion was held regarding the entry sign. Ms. Eaton said it was not repaired. Mr. Charland will follow-up.

Ms. Eaton is also investigating banners.

Ms. Ditchkus said she is looking at wreaths for the holiday season. They would be permanent with lights.

E. Welcome to Devon

Ms. Ditchkus reported that the bus shelter is still not repaired. Mr. Gregory will contact PW.

Ms. Ditchkus said that the weeds in the park were overgrown. She will contact PW and the GOP women to find out who's responsible.

V. New Business

A. School Reorganization

Communication had been received from Suzanne Cannon regarding the closing of Simon Lake School. Since the school was not in the Devon area and the decision had already been made by the Board of Education the issue was moot.

B. Christina D’Arcangelo’s Resignation

The resignation was noted and a letter will be sent thanking Ms. D’Arcangelo for her service on the committee.

C. No Outlet Sign

Mr. Vargo said that he recommended the replacement of “Dead End” signs with “No Outlet” signs at roads throughout the City. A motion was made and seconded to recommend this action to the Police Department.

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D. Reflective Stakes

Mr. Vargo brought up the need for reflective stakes in the islands at the junction of Rivercliff and the Boston Post Road.

E. Rivercliff Street Sign

It was noted that there was not a decorative street sign for Rivercliff. Mr. Gregory said that it was in Phase I and signs were not done so it can be included in Phase IV.

F. Problem of Maintenance of Streetscape

Discussion was held regarding property owners who did not take care of their new sidewalks. The Health Dept. will be notified about the corner building at 225 Bridgeport Ave.

Property owners are responsible for the sidewalks in front of their buildings. The committee felt there should be a penalty. Mr. Gregory will investigate.

G. Lamppost Cover

Mr. Charland noted a cover missing off a lamppost across from Kingdom Life on Naugatuck Ave. It is a safety issue. PW will be notified.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert B. Gregory