

Town of Winchester
Bank Property Committee
Minutes
3-5-24

Meeting opened: 6pm

Members present: Margaret Sharra (Chair), Mim Johnson(sec), Laurie Tigan, Maureen Curtiss, Herb Stephens (SR), Kathy Morehouse, and Vimala Steadman. Natalie Quevedo absent.

Business:

The group keeps discussing names of the committee. A suggestion is the "Vault Community Center".

Herb informs the group he has changed one lock and gave the keys to Karey and would like to install another lock.

Vimala asks if Laurie Tigan could take her spot on the committee. The group agrees.

Margaret will speak with Karey Miner (TA) about setting up a trust account to accept donations.

The group would like an email set up so we can get input from the public. There is discussion on using Margaret's existing email. Karey will be asked.

Discussed having public sessions to get ideas from residents. This will be important when we get potential layouts and designs.

Ongoing discussion on dog permitted on the property.

Vimala shows a nice flyer design to hand out on voting day. Great way to inform the public on the acquisition and potential ideas, as well as ask for suggestions. Margaret will be there at the exit to hand them out on March 12th.

As moved by Margaret and seconded by Vimala and all voted in favor:

Margaret will bring to the Board of Selectmen for approval the following:

Request to change the locks, which Herb offered to do;

ask if the 3 properties can be merged into 1, and include the 4th lot the town already owns where Kiwanis sign is;

ask approval for the donation from Lawrence Excavation to remove remaining concrete and asphalt from the lot and loam the area (Herb announced this donation to the committee);

ask the board if they support the concept only of granite posts and black chain links for fencing to run from northern end on Keene Road side south around Richmond Road and only part of Michigan Street (estimate cost 19k-20k with 59 posts 7 ft apart),

ask Karey who will be maintaining the area (mowing);

and to get input on permitting or not permitting dogs on the property.

Margaret will also be taking an Lchip seminar on Thursday to see about funding and will speak with SWRPC about CDBG funding. Maureen will look into what there is for community/corporate donations available.

The committee would like to view the bank together and also do an initial evaluation of the building. They would like the Town Building Inspector, Scott Sharra and Chris Steadman to join us. This will be Monday March 18th at 3pm.

Kathy moved to approve the minute of 1/29/24 with one change (change" will need" to "may"), Margaret seconds. All vote in favor.

The next meeting is April 9 at 6:30pm.

Herb makes a motion to adjourn 6:55pm, seconded by Mim. All voted yes.

Minutes respectfully submitted:
Mim Johnson and Margaret Sharra

Minutes approved: 4/9/24

Minutes signed by:


Margaret Sharra, Chair