

Waterfront Committee Meeting
April 8, 2010 at 4:30 pm
DRAFT Minutes

Attendees:

Mark Bennett
Martin Clarke
Harry Colgan
Thomas Cordier, Mayor
Bonnie Corrado, Co-Chair
Susan Ezrati, Trustee
Phyllis Palmer
Kathy Rebillot
Barbara Eichin

Absent:

Jerome Crandall
Joel Griffith, Co-Chair

Bonnie Corrado called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm. She asked the committee to approve a revised version of the January 14, 2010 minutes. Kathy Rebillot moved and Harry Colgan seconded the approval of the January revisions. The Committee unanimously approved the January minutes. Marty Clarke moved approval of the February minutes with additional language regarding the reversion clause that will be added to the bargain and sale agreement.

Bonnie asked the Mayor to review the current status of the purchase agreement. Tom anticipates a closing in 4-6 weeks. The current issue that is unresolved involves the access to Rose Hill, which traverses land that will become part of the Village parcel. Tom hopes to resolve the issue within a week. Bonnie noted that a note on the existing survey memorialized the easement to allow access to Rose Hill.

The Mayor went on to tell the committee about a call from Peter Fairweather . Peter was asking what facilities Tivoli expects to have that would allow the ferry that now travels between the Rondout and Rhinecliff. .

Bonnie moved to the next agenda item, which was to complete plans to create a Village visioning project to be mailed out in the Water Bill in June. Mark noted that research into the project elicited as many questions as answers. He went on to say that the project was for the purpose of communicating the design issues to the Village and to elicit comments from the residents of the Village. Mark is attempting to distill existing documents – the site map, ADA requirements, setbacks and height and footprint – into a document that clearly communicates with Village residents about the project. Mark received documents, including the survey – which defines the footprint of the overpass and size of the parcel. Mark noted that the documents clearly delineate the restrictions on the design. It was suggested that the note in the Water/Sewer bill should invite people to go down to the site and see what the terrain looks like. Another suggestion was to create a scale model of the site that would help people visualize the parcel, its elevations and its proximity to the river. Questions were asked about Dock Road and why it proved unsuitable as an access road.

The discussion returned to the “visioning” project and how the project would be presented. Several people noted that the process should be fairly open – allowing input on various aspects of

the project. It was noted that the Committee's role is to provide a clear delineation of what must be done and what cannot be done. Scale is necessary, but shouldn't be required. It was noted that it is important to communicate such aspects of the design as the required slope of a ramp, the minimum height to get over the train, etc.

The Chair returned the discussion to specifics. What should go out in the Water Bill? Discussion followed. Notification and invitations seemed the most manageable. It was noted that a map should be included in the mailing. Also the note should encourage participation in the project. The directions could be done in about six pages. It also was suggested that the invitation be an even more abbreviated version of the documents with encouragement to contact Mark Bennett for further details. It was suggested that first meeting should be at the waterfront.

The group continued to define the mailing.

1. Simple rendering of the site and its potential
2. Map of the site.
3. Invitation to help create the park.
4. Request input on how to use the property.
5. Date for meeting at the Village Hall to participate in a "Visioning."

Discussion continued – lots of debate.

Follow-ups would include:

1. A visit to the Waterfront
2. Creation of a diorama to be exhibited in the Village Hall.

Discussion continued on where to exhibit the diorama. The general consensus of the Committee was that the Exhibit Hall across from the Library would be the best location. Further discussion of the construction of the diorama, its size and its extent followed. The discussion revealed strong views that the broadest view – including elevations was critical to understanding both the benefits and limitations of the project.

The Committee then discussed alternatives to elevators..

Clarification of the mailout package followed.

A date was set for the "first meeting"—

Sunday, June 13th. 4pm – At Village Hall – followed by a walk to the river.

Marty asked committee members to join him on visits to other waterfronts. The committee nodded ascent. Informal efforts will follow.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:39 pm. The next meeting will be on May 13, 2010 at 4:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Ezrati