

BANNISTER COMMON & MALL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Dec 21, 2009, 7pm at BES

Present,
Kathleen Wild, Chrpsn.
Kris Casucci
Diane Oliver-Jensen
Jeanne Lytle
Peter Masuzzo
Ron Couture

1.
Accepted Minutes of 11/9/09

2.
Kathleen recapped field site meeting of 11/23/09 w/ highway & water depts and J.Allen, select rep.
Reviewed past determinations of need for arborist report, and discussed use of granite curbs, road width and retaining green space on south end.

Discussed letter from Common Street residents and their concerns about curbing, trees and drainage. Impact on proposed business.

Peter voiced concern about damaged granite curbing and need for town to get proper equipment. Ron suggested granite hitching post in areas to protect curb ends from plows or as signals to where crosswalks are.

Kathleen will report these in writing to selectmen office and we will all attend next CDBG meeting before public hearing.

3.
Discussed possible names for committee and determined that we would be named the Bannister Common & Mall Committee in keeping with the NR Historic District designation of area. Our main concentration at this time would be the common & mall area, but would include more of the district if it impacted the common & mall. Discussed responsibilities, Kathleen will organize list of them and email us before next meeting.
Motion for name by Jeanne Lytle, 2nd Kris Casucci. Accepted unanimously.

4.
Discussed handout from dcr Massachusetts as guide to help understand possible approaches that can be taken in preserving our common & mall area. Ron will contact PreservationMass to see if we can have a "Circuit Rider" come to speak at a joint meeting, date to be determined.

5.
Discussed need for budget. Money for consultation, RFP ads, mailings & office expenses. Proposed budget of \$5,000. Kathleen will send to BOS. Committee will meet w/Advisory Board or BOS if needed to review.
Motion for budget by Peter Masuzzo, 2nd Kris Casucci. Accepted unanimously.

6.
Next meeting dates were determined to be 1st Mondays of each month. Feb 1, March 1, April 5, May 3. All at 6:30pm

Submitted by Ron Couture, 12/21/09