

Minutes
Bristol CORE Meeting

September 20, 2017

Present: Carolyn Ashby, Kelly Hamshaw

I. Visitor – Peter Coffey re: discussion of sidewalk projects and update on CORE items

- Sidewalk replacement schedule has been developed
- 600 ft/year over ten years, which is double what the previous plan allowed for
- Money is in the general budget to allow for +/- in a given year
- No new sidewalk construction currently in the plan
- Talked briefly about grants that might be available to help with problem spots or improvements, specific example of the area in front of the Post Office -- for example, creating a green buffer rather than the current ill-defined “parking”
- Related, of interest, is the State paving schedule for Rte 166
 - 2018 - north of village
 - 2019 - south of village
 - 2020 - the in-town stretch, so...
- Improvement projects that are connected to Main Street and might be affected by, or dovetail with, the paving should wait for 2020
- Town also planning on stormwater work at time of paving
- Specific project ideas we may have, he suggested conversation with Town Administrator as the opening move.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

III. Open issues

- A. Board Members - skipped
- B. Bristol Coworking - skipped, little news
- C. Main St. Rental Survey - key points:
 - 36 offices, average 554 sqft, ave \$14.47 rent per sf
 - 18 retail spaces, ave. 1279 sqft, ave \$11.71 rent per sf
 - Prices are very similar to the last survey in 2014 (there had been a significant increase between 2010 and 2014)

D. Trails Around Bristol Update - all committees, with the exception of Grants (soon!), have met at least once, and several trail work days have taken place to improve the cross country trail at Mt. Abe and explore the South Street parcel

E. Bristol Town Guide - now printed, Ian has samples

F. Added item - UVM Local Community Initiatives Course Update

- Site visit planned for Wednesday October 4, meet on Green around 4:45pm, downtown tour highlighting relevant locations and info, to be followed by dinner at Kelly's
- The groups will be working on their proposals and should also have preliminary drafts available by that date
- Projects: Main St Makeover, Rec Resources, and Wayfinding

IV. New business

A. Downtown Retreat (October 11 and 12, Grand Isle Lake House) - agenda not yet set, but Carolyn and Ian will plan on attending all or some portion between them

B. Cool Yule Planning Group (September 27) - first meeting to begin discussions around events for December, including Chocolate Walk and Lumen

C. 2018 Historic Preservation and Downtown Conference - Bristol was selected to host the 2018 conference, and the town is on board for it!! This comes with some very exciting possibilities to show off recent improvements and completed projects (like the co-housing, new fire station, playground), as well as ongoing ones (like the work underway on the Trails Network, renovations to the old fire station). Will be early June (7-8-9-ish) and draws 250-300 people. The Preservation Trust folks take care of most of work -- hooray!