

BRISTOL CORE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 9:00 AM
Holley Hall

Prepared by Kelly Hamshaw

Present: Ian Albinson, Kelly Hamshaw, Aidan Lenihan, Meridith McFarland

I. Call to order: 9:00 AM

II. Scheduled Appointments - none

There is interest from Sheriff Candidate Gibbs in attending the next CORE meeting.. There was also interest in Lt. Nason coming in to discuss a potential safety project.

Approval of minutes from last meeting June 20th

III. New items

A. An Illustrated Map of Bristol by Douglas Lazarus - Doug has been making the rounds around local resources as part of scoping the map project. Vergennes Partnership has “partnered” with Doug to create the Vergennes guide as shown below. He has been persistent in communicating with Ian and providing a range of prices (\$250 from businesses, \$300 from CORE). He stopped by the Recreation Dept. to discuss with Meredith and he shared that there were local businesses who already signed up. Ian discussed with Amy from VP that this project has been difficult to deal with and has not heard any feedback. CORE is not budgeted to produce an additional brochure. Distribution plan is not clear nor is there a proposal on the table to consider. Additional criteria for an illustrated piece would be prioritizing local artists. The Board agrees that CORE will not support this project and Ian will follow-up with local businesses to inform them of CORE’s decision.

1. [Vergennes Guide](#)

2. [WIP from Doug](#)

B. Vermont Tourism Network
- [Group Tour Manual](#) update w/Addison County Chamber of Commerce support - Rob Carter from ACCC has offered to kick-in \$100 with \$50 match from CORE for an expanded listing in the Vermont Vacation Guide. Will list local events: Harvest Festival, Car Show, Cool Yule, Pocock Rocks. Board is in agreement with this initiative.

IV. Open items

A. Board Members

1. Invitations to Katie Raycroft-Meyer and Meridith McFarland to join the Board as liaisons from the Bristol Planning Commission and Bristol Recreation Department respectively. Ian explains that the board is functioning more of networking/awareness group and have more

community connections. Meridith has been on the job since May 1 and has been getting up to speed on various events. Ian suggests contacting the Star Wars Group for this Thursday's showing. New website is working well. Town-wide Yard Sale - 90% chance that the yard sale will not be supported by the Rec Dept. next year due to not clearing costs this year because of freeriding. Most of fees went to Addison Independent for advertising. Brainstorming ideas to highlight the yard sale: scavenger hunt, \$20 straight across the board, have more defined expectations. Lots of transition. What could be added to make the event more engaging for low/no cost?

Discussed the history of the Bristol Farmer's Market - vendors disagreed about the date, diversity of vendors decreased over time. Needing to be carefully curated. Tensions between target audiences. Price points needs to be varied. Discussed ideas about trying to promote the town - town market? How to cultivate the flow back and forth between the green and the downtown block. Aiden will talk to Alicia about prior experiences.

2. Local Community Initiatives - Kelly will include links in the minutes. For Fall 2018: photovoice project - first impressions survey (how things/could be improved). Farmer's Market scoping. Signage/facade, impressions, information.

B. Sidewalk Beautification Expansion - Valerie out for the week. The grants have been submitted. Ian provided thoughts on adding benches, new trash cans similar to the ones that Middlebury has. Would like to initiate a plan for the streetlights, current trash cans for recycling/donating/storing/using elsewhere etc. Important to consider the preventive measures necessary for keeping things in good shape.

C. Intersection Plantings - The five planted beds at the intersection have essentially died due to no/low maintenance plan. Looking at what could be planted and create a plan for the Selectboard to pursue in order to get the beds in better shape. Katie suggested that we reduce the size the beds and other issues with the beds including the handicapped parking. Perhaps add stamped concrete to reduce size. Aiden believes that there needs to be commitment to protect the beds from snow removal and suggests that we tackle the weeding situation across town. Ian suggests that CORE flow some funds to Aiden for additional care and we'll focus on making a plan for 2019. Least invasive method would be CORE getting a crew together over the next couple weeks.

D. Certified Local Government (CLG) Program - We are looking at having Bristol join this program as a way to get special access to grant programs for historic preservation projects and other flexible projects. Caitlin Corkins connected Ian to Devin at CLG Program. Will come to town in August.

E. Building Community Grants
- potential for use with local business build out

F. Downtown Speed Reduction and Pedestrian Safety Project - Ian would like to start an overarching project to slow cars down in the downtown block. We can request a lower speed limit from the state to 25 mph and needs a speed study. Previous studies didn't reflect the actual reality. Multiple people have approached the Selectboard about lowering speed limits coming into town. Lt. Nason also agrees with the speed observation plus with the current parking arrangement, crosswalks, monitoring speeds (permanent installation - of signs), push button crosswalk installed at Vermont Tree Goods/Bank, Pleasant/Spring, Howden/Church), J-Brake

No Usage zoning (116/17, 7/17, and North St). Working with Lt. Nason at the Bristol Police Department to investigate options. Aiden suggested to Lt. Nason when the crosswalk signals and doesn't finish the sentence - important for visually impaired residents and visitors. Additional "no right turns" .

V. Next Meeting – August 15, 2018 at 9 AM.

VI. Adjourned at 10:45 AM.