

Village Core Planning Meeting  
June 6, 2009

Attendees: Chairman Hettinger, Town Manager Peter Joseph, Kareen Hamilton, Marilyn Sanderson, Brian Baker, Ed Brisson, Paul Kasianchuk, Patricia McTeague, and Peter Moore.

No meetings were held since the April 7, 2009 meeting because NH DES approval of the Riverwalk trail was pending. Since that meeting Town Manager, Peter Joseph, was able to successfully negotiate with NH DES to accept the GPS survey print of the trail at 1:150 scale instead of the 1:20 scale. NH DES indicated that the project was “approvable” and that a letter of approval would be sent to the Town by Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, however approval was never received.

This June 6, 2009 meeting was held because after further discussions with NH DES, they indicated that approval could be forth coming early in the day on June 6<sup>th</sup> and it was felt expeditious coordination of the project was essential to ensure maximum productivity during the upcoming months of good weather. Unfortunately, although promised by DES, approval was not received by the time of the meeting. However discussions ensued in anticipation of receiving approval within the next few days.

A prioritized list of action items was discussed that needed to be done in order to start the Riverwalk trail project. The list included: Marking the border of the trail to minimize tree cutting and marking the trees that would have to be cut in order to provide the 8 foot width, cutting the trees and clearing them from the area, grinding the stumps level to the ground, adding fill where required, design and construct bridges, and add the ¾” hardpack surface.

With regards the bridges, Peter Moore indicated he would contact a mill in Warren that cuts rough timber for the construction of trail bridges. It was also suggested that Loon be contacted to help design the bridges as they build similar structures for their cross country ski and bicycle trails.

Kareen Hamilton presented information and discussed the selection, use and availability of plants for shoreland landscapes in vegetative buffer zones.

It was mentioned that it will be necessary to contact InnSeasons to obtain their final agreement and approval to construct the trail on their property. Paul Kasianchuk suggested a “walk-around” with Dennis Ducharme take place on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Paul will talk to Dennis about the “walk-around”.

The potential need for a request for an extension of the New Hampshire Trails Bureau grant was discussed. Since the project has been delayed by the State due to the need to comply with the new provisions of the Shoreland Protection Act, incorporated in June of 2008, just prior to our starting construction of the trail, it seemed such a request was justified. Marilyn Sanderson will e-mail a request to Bill Gegas, NH trails Bureau.

The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 5:00pm, June 9<sup>th</sup> in anticipation of receiving approval from NH DES.