

Rte. 108 Corridor Study Committee Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2017
Municipal Center, Selectmen's Meeting Room
10 Bunker Hill Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Lovejoy (Chairman, Selectman's Representative), Lucy Cushman, Roger Groux, Maria Stowell, Dick Swett

MEMBERS ABSENT

Melissa Currier, Nate Merrill

STAFF PRESENT

Paul Deschaine, Town Administrator

PRESENTER

Charlie French, Team Leader for the Community and Economic Development Program at the UNH Cooperative Extension Service

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Swett moved and Groux seconded a motion to accept the minutes of June 8th.

Typographical corrections were made. There was a suggestion that the minutes be amended to include a summary of information from a report presented at the last meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the necessity of summarizing reports. It was noted that all documents discussed at meetings will be part of the meeting record. Acceptance was postponed in order to give members an opportunity to review the suggested amended minutes. Copies were handed out.

PRESENTATION BY AND DISCUSSION WITH CHARLIE FRENCH

Mr. French is the Team Leader for the Community and Economic Development Program at the UNH Cooperative Extension Service. One of the ways the program assists municipalities is by sharing techniques that can be used to educate and engage their stakeholders. Topics discussed included: the need to involve stakeholders in decision making; how to hear from everyone, not just those who show up; identifying stakeholders and venues where they can be reached; identifying common interests and connections; significance of costs and rate of return; explaining the vision; collecting and sharing stories. Mr. French distributed flyers containing general information about his program.

Members discussed how these techniques could be employed for Gateway Development goals. The Chair asked the Committee to think of stakeholder groups we might engage to work with us.

MOODY'S REPORT

Deschaine distributed the 15 June 2017 report and explained that the Town is in a healthy financial position according to Moody's Investor's Service.

TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION

The committee discussed allowing members to participate by phone. Deschaine distributed the governing Statute. Consensus was that we should allow such participation at the next meeting on a trial basis.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None present

NEXT MEETING

July 13, 2017, 7:00 pm. Stuart Arnett is scheduled for a discussion on TIFs.

ADJOURMENT

Groux moved and Swett seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:36 pm. Passed by unanimous vote.

SUBMITTED BY

M Stowell