

Our Town-Our Future
Core Committee Special Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2021
7:00 pm

1. **Call meeting to Order** at 7:06 pm, M. Hanink, G. Haaland, R. Williams, and M. Gantick in attendance.
2. **Approval of Minutes of June 7, 2021-** Motion made by Hanink, second by Haaland, Minutes approved 4-0.
3. **Communications and Announcements-** Members discussed BOS meeting discussion on Tremko House.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Project/Initiative Updates-** Haaland brought up that Town of Willington has set up a special fund for the purchase of Open Space, she felt Ashford should do something similar. Gantick suggested Haaland talk with the Ashford Conservation Commission as the Open Space Master Plan has recommendations regarding this matter. It would also be something that the ACC would need to discuss with the BOS and Finance Committee.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Update on Meeting with BOS-**Gantick gave an overview of discussion with the BOS, noting that it was decided that Gantick would try and assist the BOS in arranging a meeting with the DOT to discuss safety issues in the School Zone on Route 89 and outstanding road safety issues identified in the RSA for the Route 44/74 corridor. Williams pointed out that there are short-term to long-term recommendations. With the long-term recommendations more of the OTOF and EDC vision for the corridor might be realized.
 - b. **Discussion of Future Efforts-** Future opportunities are contained within the POCD Goals and Objectives. Gantick asked members to review the POCD and identify any potential areas to focus on. The update of the POCD itself is on the horizon and this is something that OTOF will appraise the P&Z and BOS as its not too early to start planning for it. The use of an outside professional consultant may be needed as not sure if NECCOG will be able to assist. OTOF could help facilitate the process if so requested by P&Z and BOS.
 - c. **Time and dates of Future OTOF Meetings-** Discussed the memo sent out by the First Selectwoman regarding future meetings during COVID. After discussion the general opinion was that In-Person meetings, with a suitable venue (taking into account health protocols) and the ability for members to still Zoom in would be the response back to the BOS. Additionally, for the rest of 2021 the OTOF meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00

pm unless there is a holiday at which time they will be on the originally scheduled third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

6. Input from Public-none

7. Member Input for Next Agenda- none

8. General comments – Stay safe!

9. Adjournment at 8:07 pm Motion by Hanink, second by Haaland, so moved.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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OTOF Lead

August 4, 2021