

# **Our Town-Our Future**

## **Minutes**

### **Core Committee Special Meeting**

**September 12, 2022**

- 1. Call meeting to Order-** 7:11 pm
- 2. Members Present-** Maureen Hanink, Ray Fenn, Mike Gantick, Gwen Haaland
- 3. Approval of Minutes of August 1, 2022-** Motion by Fenn, Second by Hanink; approved 3-0 ( Haaland arrived after the vote)
- 4. Communications and Announcements-** BOS help public hearing on Cadlerock Brownsfield Grant Application on September 8, 2022 for public input and Special BOS Meeting on September 12, 2022 to finalize information for application. OTOF will not have any formal role in this project unless requested by BOS.
- 5. Old Business**
  - a. Fall Leadership Meeting-** Discussed using results of November 2019 Leadership meeting as a starting point for the Fall Leadership Meeting as there were really good ideas developed. A great deal of synergy and partnerships did evolve out of the meeting. Many examples of activities that proceeded despite pandemic that followed in 2020. Also, could identify progress made on those items and POCD as well. Gantick reached out to Jeff Silver-Smith via email on what role P&Z may or may not want to play in this meeting. Committee identified Wednesday November 16, 2022 as tentative date for meeting. Gantick to confirm with First Selectman on date. Committee discussed format for meeting. Breakout groups used last time and left little time for wrap up . Some concern that true details/thoughts developed in each individual breakout group might not be fully understood by other groups because of time constraints. Thoughts of maybe having a follow-up meeting in early 2023 to continue more detailed dialog on November 2022 Meeting outcomes? This was the original intent with the 2019 meeting but COVID struck and put halt to it. Hanink to draft “Save the Date” notice for October Ashford Citizen. Committee to work on more information for November Citizen. Discussed possible location for meeting-Knowlton Hall would seem best if available as last meeting was held in Lower Meeting room at Town Hall and was packed due to meeting being very well attended. Committee members to gather contacts for inviting to meeting as some of past attendees/contacts no longer valid.
  - b. Project Updates-**none
  - c. New Member Recruitment-** Discussed out reaching to groups in town, possibly Board and Commission chairs to see if there are any members that might want to join OTOF Committee.

**6. New Business-** none

**7. Input from Public-** none

**8. Member Input for Next Agenda-** Work on logistics for November Leadership Meeting

**9. General comments-** none

**10. Adjournment-** Motion by Hanink, second by Haaland -7:50 pm