

Our Town-Our Future
Minutes
Core Committee
Held via Virtual Meeting Invitation
May 1, 2023

1. **Call meeting to Order** at 7:02 pm
2. **In attendance**-Ray Fenn, Maureen Hanink, Gwen Haaland, Mike Gantick, Richard Williams, Margaret Chatey
3. **Approval of Minutes- April 3, 2023**- Motion by Williams, second by Hanink. Approved 5-0.
4. **Communications and Announcements**-none
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Spring Leadership Meeting**- Gantick will reach out to Jeff Silver-Smith and Bill Falletti next week regarding timeline for another Leadership Meeting.
 - b. **May Ashford Citizen Update**- Article in May Citizen thank you Maureen Hanink . Gantick will submit for June issue.
 - c. **Project Updates**- no updates since last meeting.
 - d. **New Member Recruitment** –No volunteers have contacted members but Chatey indicated she would outreach to a couple potential members.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Fenn discussed thoughts on trying to develop a fact sheet for educational purposes in light of all the information that has been circulated in town recently. The POCD does have some older information and State’s Annual Town/City Reports have much of the information on financial and statistical and comparative information. Fenn to work on this idea.
 - b. There was discussion on using the OTOF FB for information updates more and possible the vote option for surveys
 - c. Fenn brought up the thought about EV charging station availability in the Ashford area. He will check with the Energy Committee to see if this is something on their radar.
 - d. Chatey thought that that Town should again take advantage of the Walktober program (September 16-November 5, 2023) coordinated by the Last Green Valley. OTOF members asked to outreach to groups they know about possible interest. Deadline is June 20th to participate.
7. **Input from Public**-none
8. **Member Input for Next Agenda**-add POCD to future agendas
9. **General comments**- Blight issues seem to be more visible; what can town do? It was noted that the BOS would be where things would need to start as not covered in Zoning regulations.

10. Adjournment at 8:09 pm by motion from Fenn, second by Chatey. 5-0 approved.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Michael Gantick
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