

Our Town-Our Future

Minutes

Core Committee Meeting

December 4, 2023

Held by Virtual Meeting

- 1. Call meeting to Order at 7:00 pm.**
- 2. Members Present-** Nora Galvin, Maureen Hanink, Gwen Haaland, Richard Williams, Mike Gantick
- 3. Approval of Minutes-November 6, 2023-** Motion by Haaland, second by Williams. Approved 4-0-1 with Hanink abstaining as was not at the meeting.
- 4. Communications and Announcements-**Gantick provided update on feedback from Bill Falletti and Cathryn Silver-Smith on Grants offer by OTOF. Falletti indicated support but as outgoing First Selectman he deferred to Silver-Smith and the BOS. Silver-Smith supports getting someone to undertake Grant writing and is part of one her goals and will discuss with the BOS at next meeting. Silver-Smith still supports a future “ Leadership” Meeting. Gantick also received a Capital Projects Request form . The Capital Projects Committee will be convening soon to establish schedule for process leading to next Fiscal Year budget. Gantick asked members to give thought as to any potential projects that OTOF would considering submitting/supporting. Discussion on RSA projects that are out there. While they require DOT support/initiative OTOF should review how to make that happen. Contacting BOS and state legislative reps key.
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. POCD and IID Zone Updates Info from P&Z-** Discussed feedback from P&Z Chair Jeff Silver-Smith about OTOF suggestions on POCD process. Silver-Smith indicated an email would be going out to “the section specific to the agency from the current POCD and ask for either a full write up to be submitted back to PZC for editing and formatting or just provide updates and changes to be added to the current section that are pertinent. In the letter I(Silver-Smith) would also ask to review the Goals and Objectives section for each section of the POCD and have them update the status and/or edit the G and O.” OTOF members to review POCD relative to OTOF areas of involvement/responsibility and be prepared to offer suggested updates. Survey is out both online and in Town Clerks Office on IID Zone regulations update.
 - b. Ashford Citizen Update- Ashfordctoutdoors.org-** Galvin discussed launch of New Website. Article in Citizen and same was posted on both the OTOF and Ashford Community Connection Facebook pages. Galvin working with Ashford Tourism Rep Bob Ignatowicz on getting it on the State’s Tourism

webpage. Galvin to have article in the Neighbors newspaper and will ask GVI for posting on their website. Gantick to pursue info getting posted to Town's Webpage.

c. Project Updates- none

d. New Member Recruitment

6. New Business-none

7. POCD – see comments above

8. Input from Public-none

9. Member Input for Next Agenda-none

10. General comments- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

11. Adjournment- Motion by Hanink and second by Galvin . Approved at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Gantick
Lead
OTOF Committee