

Our Town-Our Future

Minutes

**Core Committee Meeting
Held via Virtual Meeting
February 6, 2023**

- 1. Present-**Maureen Hanink, Gwen Haaland, Ray Fenn, Mike Gantick
- 2. Call meeting to Order** at 7:02 pm
- 3. Approval of Minutes-January 9, 2023-** Motion by Fenn, Second by Haaland. Approved 4-0
- 4. Communications and Announcements-** Information provided by Developer on Proposed Zoning Text Amendments posted to OTOF Facebook page as there were a lot of questions being raised by the public. Some discussion on role of OTOF Committee on matters like this. Agreed that while individually we all have our own opinions, OTOF should remain non-political. OTOF role is to facilitate the flow of information where possible.
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. Project Updates-** The Ashford Area Arts as they are now called will see a change in leadership as Deb Gag and Kathryn Edison are stepping down and Nancy Bunnell is the new President. They are trying to become their own 5013c non profit. They continue to have an excellent series of guest artists as well as other events. No further updates on RSA initiatives or other road safety matters pending with the DOT. Also there are quite a few Federal grants out there but without DOT onboard as well as NECCOG no progress will be made. Also, Town did not get awarded the Brownsfield grant for the Master Plan or remediation so that project is on hold unless town funds the Master Plan.
 - b. New Member Recruitment** – members pursuing new members-ongoing.
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Spring Leadership Meeting-**Need to circle back with Mr. Silver-Smith and Mr. Falletti.
 - b. Monthly Citizen Updates-**Committee discussed continuing with a monthly update/information on Leadership Meeting. Ray to draft article for March and send out to Committee for input. Committee agreed that an overview of what was discussed at the Leadership meeting plus any supporting factual educational information would be a good format to follow.
- 7. Input from Public-**none
- 8. Member Input for Next Agenda-** Discuss target dates for Spring Leadership
- 9. General comments-** none

10. Adjournment at 7:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Gantick
OTOF Lead