

Our Town-Our Future Minutes

Core Committee Meeting

November 6, 2023

Held as Virtual Meeting

- 1. Call meeting to Order at 7:02 pm**
- 2. In attendance:** Ray Fenn, Gwen Haaland, Nora Galvin, Dick Williams, Mike Gantick
- 3. Approval of Minutes-September 18, 2023-** Motion by Fenn, Second by Williams.
Approved 3-0-1 with Haaland abstaining.
- 4. Communications and Announcements-** Gantick indicated that he had talked with First Selectman about Grant writing Firms and provided a list. After some discussion it was the consensus of the OTOF Committee that OTOF offer to gather information (RFQ's and RFP's) for the BOS consideration. Gantick to reach out to First Selectman about same. Still awaiting appointment of Galvin. Gantick will circle back with BOS office.
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. Ashford Citizen Update-**none
 - b. Project Updates-** Galvin made a presentation on the Trail website she has been working on with some assistance from M. Roy(Ashfordctoutdoors.org). Website is about 80% complete and offers information on various trails and open spaces in Ashford. Galvin is coordinating with Bob Ignatowicz-Ashford Tourism Rep to eventually get it on the State site. OTOF discussed other areas which the information can be accessed and how to get the word out. Great job by Galvin on pulling together all info into one location/access point. Possible December launch date to public.
 - c. New Member Recruitment -**none
- 6. New Business**
 - a. POCD and IID Zone Updates Info from P&Z-** Gantick did forward thoughts on POCD process discussed at last OTOF Meeting to Jeff Silver-Smith. Silver-Smith is reaching out to various groups about a survey that will be going out on updating the Zoning regulation relative to the IID Zone moratorium. Survey expected out soon and Public Hearing on regulations expected possibly in February or March 2024. Gantick noted feedback provided to Silver-Smith on ensuring any survey be statistically relevant(also for POCD Survey) ie mitigate multiple responses from single responders. POCD survey likely not coming out until after IID Zone regulations completed. OTOF committee discussed follow up on POCD process. Consensus was to suggest to P&Z that may be have Prime Responsible groups for each section of the POCD take a leadership role in soliciting information for the update of their respective sections-thereby

getting better participation/buy-in and also spread the workload. Gantick to forward suggestion to Silver-Smith.

- b. Meeting Schedule for 2024-** Group discussed meeting schedule and Gantick to forward back to Town Clerk's Office for First Monday of each month unless a holiday(then the following Monday) ; meetings start at 7:00 pm and at this point will continue as Zoom meetings.

7. POCD-no other discussion

8. Input from Public-none

9. Member Input for Next Agenda-none

10. General comments-none

11. Adjournment -Motion by Williams, second by Gantick at 7:57 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Gantick
OTOF Lead