

MINUTES OF THE NEWTON UPPER FALLS AREA COUNCIL

July 20, 2023 7:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Julie Irish

Jay Werb (Treasurer)

Jack Neville

Patty Connolly

Kathaleen Brearley (Secretary)

Marie Jackson

Jeremy Friedberg (visitor and President of the Newton Highlands Area Council)

Note: The Meeting took place in person at 7:30pm in Northland's historic mill building at 156 Oak St in Newton Upper Falls.

1) Approval of Minutes from June Meeting (5 minutes)

Marie Jackson moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Patty Connolly seconded this motion. All voted in favor to approve the minutes as submitted.

2) Treasurer's Report (5 minutes)

Jay Werb reported that there were no changes to the balance in the account.

3) Public Comment/Questions?

4) Draft Letter in support of the Traffic Council's Proposal (Public Facilities) for Traffic mitigation at Mechanic St @Elliot (10 minutes)

Julie Irish reported that Public Facilities Committee met on 7/19 to approve their plan and move forward with the traffic mitigation project on Mechanic @Elliot St.

2 members of the Public Facilities Committee abstained from the vote but it was a successful vote.

Members of NUFAC went on to discuss safety concerns about the bike lane on Elliot St. They wondered what other resources are available from the city regarding bike safety.

5) Google Doc of uses for Northland Transportation Fund

Jay reported: As part of Northland's special permit, there will be 2.5 million of the 5 million in the \$5million dollars. Having the Google Doc link on the agenda on the website would be helpful for gathering ideas from the community.

6) Paper Signing Event for Area Council nominations (10 minutes)

Members agreed to poll to determine a date for the paper signing

Marie Jackson moved to have a sign on voting day to remind voters to vote for NUFAC

7) Village Day Planning Updates

Date was approved and then unapproved because of the Dana Faber walk. Julie Irish

agreed to go back to Jack Lovett in DPW and PRC had approved the event and doesn't understand why they unapproved the event considering that we will not need DPW staff.

8) General Upper Falls News (5 minutes)

Jay Werb asked about having person meetings every other month in Emerson starting in September. Patty Connolly will work with Carol Stapleton to get the paperwork squared away to avoid the use fee for the Emerson Community Room.

Jay Werb asked about a party event for Little Luke's Café and Jack Neville will work with Phil Emmanuel to figure out a date.

Regarding Village Center Proposed Zoning update: Julie Irish proposed that we revisit the letter to address since 2.0 version was released by ZAP

9) Public Comment/Questions?

Members of the Area Council should be listed when monthly notice is sent to Margaret's Upper Falls Newsletter

10) Adjourn

Julie Irish motioned to still meet in August when NUFAC meetings are usually suspended.

Members of NUFAC voted unanimously to still meet in August.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM

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