

# **MINUTES of the NEWTON UPPER FALLS AREA COUNCIL**

## **September 21, 2023 7:00 p.m.**

**Pursuant to *An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations*, Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, signed into law by Governor Baker on July 16, 2022, this will be an Hybrid Meeting both online and at the Emerson Community Room**

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Newton Upper Falls Area Councilors in Attendance

Jay Werb (Treasurer)

Julie Irish

Patty Connolly

Jack Neville

Kathaleen Brearley (Secretary)

### **1) Approval of Minutes from August Mtg (5 mins)**

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm: Patty Connolly motioned to accept the minutes and Jack Neville seconded the motion to accept the minutes as submitted.

**2) Treasurer's Report (5 mins)** Jay Werb was asked by the Village Day working committee to write checks for \$1100 for The Riverboat Stompers and \$500 for juggler and \$250 for the Face painter. Jay made a motion to ask for approval to spend up to \$2500 for Village Day vendors. Jay Werb confirmed that NUFAC received sponsorship of 1K from Northland and 1K from The Village Bank.

### **3) Public Comment/Questions?**

Two residents of Roundwood Rd reported on the issue discussed in August regarding the recently blocked path down to Circuit Ave. Jeff Riklin confirmed that he will move forward and contact the owner on behalf of NUFAC to encourage a mutual resolution.

### **4) Village Day (Oct 1 11-2) Updates and Planning**

Julie Irish reported that there are currently ~16 vendors signed up for tables at Village Day, and she is hoping to have more in the end. There are 3 politicians who have signed up for tables. For activities, Riverboat Stompers, Dancers from the Creative Steps Dance Studio, Kat the Face painter and Jenni the Juggler have all been confirmed. For Food, Phil Emmanuel confirmed with Jack Neville that he would be selling freshly grilled Hot Dogs for \$1.50 and Sausages for \$3.00. Julie Irish confirmed that she will follow up on trash and is confident that logistics for trash are in place. She also reported that Touch a Truck seems like it might be happening and just received a follow up from Jack Lovett. Patty Connolly wanted to remind folks to mark the vendor locations and communicate with the vendors where to set up the night before the event.

### **5) Village Center Zoning (Updates)**

15' setbacks were confirmed and added in the latest proposed zoning maps for areas such as alongside the Upper Falls Greenway. This update to the proposed zoning will affect other green spaces throughout the City.

Julie Irish motioned that she would like to contact Councilors Crossley and Humphrey to respond to NUFAC in writing or in person to the points in the NUFAC letter that was submitted over the Summer.

### **6) Google Doc of uses for Northland Transportation Fund**

The Area Councilors discussed each item and attempted to prioritize Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety generally in Upper Falls.

### **7) Upper Falls News, Public Comments, questions 9) Adjourn**

As President of the Historic Commission, Jeff Riklin reported from that Summer St has returned to the sale market because the proposal from the developers was not approved.

Also, there was a change in approvals for the renovation of 300 Elliot St. It had been previously approved for 3 units and will now be approved at 4 Units (2 in the main house and 2 in the carriage house)  
Sullivan Ave @Chestnut St

Jay Werb mentioned that the issue at Roundwood Rd is becoming an issue citywide and that pedestrian pathways on unofficial easements might disappear more frequently due to the value of the properties.

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