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PENN AVE. AND MAIN ST. VISION SUB-COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2017

Attendance: Tom Beebe, Chairman, Mark Nickerson, David Putnam, Bill Scheer, Terri Smith, Bill Mulholland, Joe Legg, Carol Marelli, Polly DeSanto, June Hoyer, John Wilson

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Beebe at 4:05 p.m.
2. Public Comments
 - a. Joe Legg from the East Lyme Public Trust discussed parking spaces in the downtown Niantic area. He is willing to share the results of his inventory of the number of parking spaces in the downtown area with the Committee.
 - b. June Hoyer had a question regarding the existing trees and if they would stay. She also is concerned about the sign and that it should have the Town of East Lyme on it. She read to the committee excerpts from a book written by Olive Chendali.
3. Approval of Minutes:
MOTION: Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the July 26, 2017 minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Smith (Approved unanimously).
4. Old Business
 - a. Funding – Mr. Nickerson outlined the procedure for the use of monies appropriated for the purchase of the property. Approximately \$120,000-\$130,000 remains in order to use the monies it will need approvals from the Board of Finance, Board of Selectman and at a town meeting. An additional \$70,000 remains in the Penn Ave. STEAP grant, Mr. Scheer is working on getting approval from the State of Connecticut to use this money for the project. Preliminary estimate on the cost of the park is in the \$250,000 range.
 - b. Timeline – Once a recommendation is made from this committee it will need the following approvals; Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission and Zoning Commission. Mr. Scheer still awaiting the final results on the borings taken from the site, as of today the borings have been normal.
 - c. Design – Discussions continued on the materials suggested for the pavers, sidewalks, front wall and signage. Mr. Wilson presented some options on the signage for the front wall, he will provide additional options for our next meeting. Discussion regarding parking spaces at this location was also discussed; it is problematic due to the possible backing up onto a state road.
5. New Business:
Mrs. Marelli would like to see a bigger base for the Rotary Clock.
Mrs. Marelli also suggested that we use the black iron benches instead of granite and it was the consensus of the committee that this was a good idea.

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6. ~~Other Business~~ – There was none.

7. Set Next Meeting Date: Committee decided to table the next meeting until more test results from the borings are complete.

8. Adjournment:

MOTION: Mr Nickerson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Smith (Approved Unanimously).

Respectfully submitted: David M. Putnam, Parks and Recreation Director