

In attendance: David Doane, John Paul LaLonde, Rich Rotella, Ron Russell, Brook Minner, Robin McCarthy (by phone), Jenn Fortier (by phone)

1. Review minutes from August meeting: Rich moves to pass, Ron seconds, minutes pass
2. Financial review: We reviewed the current budget (note payroll tax line is incorrect and needs to be addressed, Brook will work with John Paul on this)
3. Director's report: We reviewed the Director's Report and discussed current work.
4. Strategic plan
 - a. Review
 - b. Adopt plan: Ron moves, David seconds, plan passes
 - c. Discussion of how to center future Board meetings around plan: John Paul: once a quarter have a meeting to review the work we're doing and the assignments, one Board member adopts one goal and reports on that goal at quarterly meetings; David: when we bring on new projects we need to be sure it fits in the plan; Robin: update each actionable item with red, yellow, green,
 - d. How to share and publicize plan: Interview with Don at the paper (give Don the plan itself and a press release), infographic to represent plan (goals, people in and collecting voices), David: send a link to plan to our mailing list; Ron: a coordinated effort with various groups to publicize in paper (WOM, Bport NEXT),
5. Nomination Committee: Ron reached out to a potential Board member this week and will connect with them soon.
6. Policy proposal: We're working on a policy to outline the fact that any initiative we do, we prioritize making local people and spending money locally. Language could include "make the effort to use local businesses first." Robin notes that we include an offer to businesses to sign up to be included in some simple way.
7. Other business:
 - a. John Paul inquired about the Quimby Family Foundation grant we wrote to fund a park on the waterfront. We were recently notified that we did not receive the funding and will continue to look for funding opportunities for this project.
 - b. We discussed a film series (Maine Savings as sponsor?)
 - c. Rich shared the following upcoming events: Holiday House Tour: Dec. 7, snow date Dec. 8 (Historical Society and Lighthouse), Parade of Lights is scheduled
 - d. Community and Economic Development Workshop next week to continue work on Econ. Dev. strategy, this committee will be inviting groups listed under Econ. Dev. budget to make a presentation to the committee so they can make a recommendation to the Council during budget season.
 - e. Rich reports that new signs ordered to replace signs on Verona Bridge and Rich is looking for money to replace signs on Verona and near wastewater treatment plant.
 - f. Two new businesses (Whole Oceans is one) are looking at lots in the Industrial Park and if both businesses move in there would only two lots left.
 - g. Ron: What about a contest to design a sign at the end of the bridge to entice people to turn left? Ron will bring this to Econ. Dev. Comm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 8 at 4:30pm