

Main Street Bucksport Board of Directors Meeting  
April 14, 2020, 4:30pm

Richard Rosen, Ron Russell, John Paul LaLonde, Robin McCarthy, David Doane, Brook Minner

1. Approve minutes from March meeting: Richard moves, John Paul seconds
2. Financial report: Brook, Ron, and John Paul met yesterday to discuss revising the budget. We applied for and received the SBA Paycheck Protection Program. It was approved for \$5,200. Community and Economic Development groups will relay their request to the Council on May 28.
3. Economic and Community development report: Wednesdays on Main is cancelled for 2020 and withdrawn their request for public funding. The Chamber has cancelled the Bay Fest and withdrawn their public funding request.
4. Update from Chamber: Bay Fest postponed, PMHA is still moving forward with the Four Point Loop, Ghostport expanding to two days, Oct. 16-17
5. ED report
  - a. Scavenger hunt
  - b. Poems of Comfort
  - c. Didn't get Hancock County Grant but did get a bicentennial grant for Museum in the Streets
  - d. Exploring moving film festival online
6. What's next?
  - a. How to make our downtown vibrant when it's vacated? Ron gave us the example of a downtown parade as a feel good event. What is it that we already do that we can move online? Kids on Main could move to video and participating kids can get a coupon for a book from Andy and a coupon for ice cream. United Way has a substantial COVID fund that has an early child development that might fund this. Number one to do as an org is to keep our relevancy while still supporting our mission.
  - b. We discussed a plan to fundraise for a program to double gift certificate amounts and coordinate this program with the town and discussed risks and benefits. This was modeled after a program in Madawaska.
  - c. Moving clean up day to virtual, example of putting puzzles from Huckleberries in the hands of people who want them
  - d. Suggestion that each Board member submit an idea for moving our work online
  - e. MDI SOS is a model we might look at for fundraising