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## Downtown Committee

### Meeting Minutes 6.6.2023

**Present:** Mr. Kevin Dumas, Town Manager, Chair, Ms. Eileen Cusack, Mr. George Pantos, Mr. Chris Jackson, and Ms. Martha O'Connell

**Not Present:** Mr. Neil Rhein and Mr. Jack Cooney

**Guests:** Mr. Lou Andrews, Mr. Kevin McNatt, and Mr. Josh Reinke, DPW Director

**Minutes:** Sharon Varricchione

1. **Call to Order:** The Downtown Committee was called to order at 5:04PM by Mr. Reinke, the DPW Director filling in for the Chair, Mr. Kevin Dumas.

2. **Acceptance of Minutes from May 2, 2023:**

**Motion:** To adopt the meeting minutes of May 2, 2023.

**Passes 5:0** (Pantos/O'Connell)

3. **Traffic Box Wrapping Discussion:**

Ms. Cusack shared images of the artists artwork. The Committee agreed to move forward with a photograph of an Eagle Soaring Through Memorial Day Flags from a local photographer, Charlene A. McNeil for the DePillo Square location (Chauncy Street @ North Main Street/Thomas Street). The image was chosen as the Committee wanted to have something Patriotic in that area to recognize our Veterans.

**Motion:** To move forward with image number one, with the Eagle Soaring Through Memorial Day Flags  
**Passes 5:0** (Pantos/ O'Connell)

For the other Traffic Box location: located at North/South Main Street @ West/East Street, the committee looked at additional pieces and the artwork was not what they were looking for as they wanted something that could be used for a 250<sup>th</sup> theme. Mr. Pantos recommended using the 2<sup>nd</sup> eagle image from Charlene A. McNeil. The Committee decided to get input from the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee for the next image.

Mr. Dumas stated for the DePillo Square Traffic Box, Ms. Varricchione will fill out the application for the next June 24<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting and that he would represent the Downtown Committee and ask for their approval.

The group then discussed possible ideas for the 250<sup>th</sup> version. Mr. Reinke suggested a historical photo on one side accompanied by a newer version of the same photo on the other side along with the 250<sup>th</sup> logo. Mr. Dumas agreed and Mr. McNatt said he will bring that up at the next 250<sup>th</sup> meeting for discussion.

4. **Harry Chase Place: 2-sided Canopy Panel and Harry Chase Place sign artwork and language review:**

Mr. Reinke then introduced Mr. Lou Andrews to the Committee. Mr. Andrews ran the group through the Harry Chase Place sign and the 2-sided Canopy Panel (One side with the Old Colony language and artwork and the other side with the Railroad language and artwork).

Mr. Rhein asked if the Committee had any questions other than the comments Mr. Rhein emailed and the group did not have any additional comments.

**Motion:** To move forward with the three signs images language and artwork pending the review.

**Passes 5:0** (Pantos/Chris)

5. **Next Meeting Date:**

Mr. Dumas discussed with the Committee to move the monthly Downtown meeting to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month in order to have a quorum. The Committee agreed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 5:30pm.

Schedule with dates revised in **yellow**.

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| • <del>9/6/22</del>           | • <del>1/3/23</del> | • <del>5/2/23</del>                     | • <del>9/5/23</del> <del>9/25/23</del>   |
| • <del>10/4/22</del>          | • <del>2/7/23</del> | • <del>6/6/23</del>                     | • <del>10/3/23</del> <del>10/23/23</del> |
| • <del>11/8/22</del> canceled | • <del>3/7/23</del> | • <del>7/11/23</del> <del>7/24/23</del> | • <del>11/7/23</del> <del>11/27/23</del> |
| • <del>12/6/22</del> canceled | • <del>4/4/23</del> | • <del>8/1/23</del> <del>8/28/23</del>  | • 12/5/23-TBD                            |

6. **Any items not known 48 hours prior:**

Mr. Reinke said the Otis Street Wild Flowers bloomed and there's a sign that says "Wild Flowers Mix, Don't Mow". Mr. Dumas said it looks good.

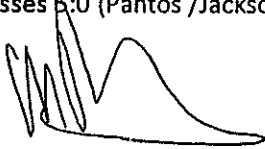
Mr. Dumas spoke of a simple Summer Event to coincide with the last Mansfield Recreation movie night event on Wednesday, 8/23 from 6-8pm. The movie will be located on the Town Hall Common and will start at 8pm. At Fulton's Pond from 6-8pm there will be: Water Fire, Paddle Boats, Music and Food Trucks. The Town Managers office will fill out a Town permit for the event at Fulton's Pond.

Mr. Pantos inquired about the Fall Festival. Mr. Dumas stated he is looking forward to this year's Festival on the September 30<sup>th</sup> and that they will start to work event soon. They will also be working on the Navy Band application in hopes to secure them again. Ms. Cusack said she would be submitting for a Festivals & Projects Application on behalf of the Cultural Council for a Grant to help with the cost.

7. **Adjournment:**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Passes 5:0 (Pantos /Jackson)



Kevin Dumas, Chair



Date