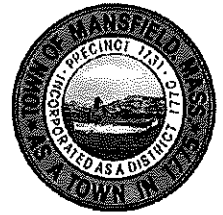


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Downtown Committee

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Meeting Minutes 9.6.2022

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Present: Mr. Kevin Dumas, Town Manager, Chair, Ms. Martha O'Connell, Mr. Chris Jackson Mr. Jack Cooney, and Mr. George Pantos. Ms. Beth Ashman Collins was not present at start of meeting but arrived 6:36pm.

Not present: Mr. Neil Rhein and Ms. Eileen Cusack

Guests: Mr. Josh Reinke and DPW Director, Mr. Chris McDermott, Economic Development Director and Mr. Jackson, Industrial and Development Commission

Minutes: Sharon Varricchione

1. **Call to Order:** The Downtown Committee was called to order at 6:31PM by Mr. Dumas. Mr. Dumas asked Mr. McDermott to introduce the newest member of the Downtown Committee, Mr. Jackson. Mr. McDermott explained that Mr. Jackson joins them from the IDC (Industrial & Development Commission) and had replaced Ms. Cumming's position. The Downtown Committee then introduced themselves to Mr. Jackson.
2. **Acceptance of Minutes from June 13, 2022:**

Motion: To adopt the meeting minutes of June 13, 2022.
Passes (O'Connell/Pantos) 4:0
Abstained (Collins/Jackson) did not attend the meeting

3. Downtown Projects:

a. **Fall Festival Update:**

Mr. Dumas gave a quick Fall Festival update and mentioned that Mr. McDermott was doing a great job with getting sponsors. He then spoke about promoting the Fall Festival via social media channels like LinkedIn and Facebook, etc. He then let the Committee know that they have locked in the Navy Band which will be performing on stage in the grassy knoll area and will be playing medley of different music. In addition, there will be a DJ, another band to cover music for the whole afternoon and drummers will be coming back later for the water fire at the end of the evening. Other events that will be included at the Fall Festival include: Paddle Boats, a Ferris Wheel, Restaurants and Food trucks, Little Ponys dressed as Rainbow Unicorns, Face Painting and more.

Mr. McDermott then gave his update and stated they have up to \$39,000 within the nine sponsors they have right now and he is working to get more. This is on top of the \$60,000 they currently have. Mr. McDermott is looking to find two more \$10,000 sponsors and one for the \$7,500 amount to cover the Ferris wheel. He said he will keep everyone posted and mentioned that the sponsors want to be recognized. Mr. Dumas added that we are buying the Paddle Boats and we are also buying picnic tables which can be used at Fulton's Pond during the year. Mr. Reinke then stated we can replace some of the picnic tables that are not in good shape too. Mr. Cooney then asked how we were going to get the word out about the Fall Festival, and Mr. Dumas mentioned for Ms. Varricchione to send the Downtown Committee the Flyer and that we will also post the information on Mansfield Cable Access, Facebook and Twitter. Mr. Reinke then added that he went to visit the neighbors in that area to make sure they were aware of the event and how parking will work as well as access to the street. Mr. Reinke then mentioned that he received an email last year from one of the neighbors that said it was the best event he's been to in the 60 years that he has been a resident.

b. **Harry Chase Place Update:**

Ms. Collins mentioned the new Aroma Joes coming to Mansfield. Ms. O'Connell asked about Amazon and Mr. McDermott explained they have a nine-year lease and that he has permission to try and sublet it. He then spoke about the Paine Street Chase bank property and said that Chase wants the bank tellers to basically be able to do do all bank servicing and that the white house next to it may be sold or may try to figure out if they want to keep it.

Mr. Pantos asked about the Chocolate Factory. Mr. Dumas said they lost their contractors. The fire alarm system needed work and it's costing them money to have a fire detail there. We had a virtual meeting with the owners detailing how much it's costing them. Mr. Dumas said he was told the sprinkler system was being worked on right now. He also mentioned there were other issues old roof failed and flooding. He then said the units are beautiful and Mr. McDermott agreed.

4. **New Business:**

No new business

Next Meeting Date: October 4th at 6:30pm, future dates below

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Any items not known 48 hours prior: None

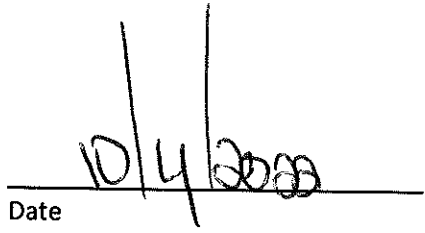
Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm.

Passes 5:0 (Pantos/Collins)



Kevin Dumas, Chair



Date