

Minutes

Precinct 3 Community Engagement Meeting

July 6, 2023

Having been locked out of the School Administration Building, the Meeting convened on the front steps of 11 Lincoln Street

Present were Dale Webber, chair, Gerald Sirrico, William Keohan, Ann Pizer, and Laurence Pizer.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

On a motion by Mr. Sirrico, and a second by Ms. Pizer, the minutes of the last two meetings were accepted unanimously. The motion PASSED.

Mr. Webber alerted the group to the July 13 Meeting of the Historic District Committee at 6:30 PM at Town Hall concerning the possible expansion of the Historic District to Bradford Street. The issue is on the warrant for the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Webber brought up the issue of Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funding for improvements to the Training Green. Mr. Sirrico presented the needs, such as fixing walkways and installing sprinklers. Mr. Keohan asked why the Town stopped providing proper maintenance. He asked about lighting and noted the need to restore the area back to the plans of Frederick Law Olmsted. While he agreed that the project was eligible for CPC funding, he wondered if the Town would maintain the area after improvements. Mr. Keohan stated that a building conservation consultant would be needed to shape the project and agreed to speak to some. Mr. Sirrico agreed to help. On a motion by Mr. Webber with a second by Mr. Pizer, the caucus agreed to support the effort. The motion PASSED.

Mr. Keohan mentioned the possibility of resurfacing Town Square with more appropriate materials. He also reported no news on the Safe Harbor project.

Under New and Old Business, Mr. Keohan proposed to seek a zoning change to modify the height limitation in the Harbor Waterfront Zoning District from thirty-five feet to twenty-five feet. The question arose as to whether this change might affect a possible Convention Center. Mr. Keohan moved and Mr. Sirrico seconded a motion to explore whether to cause such a reduction and to engage the Planning Board in the matter. The motion PASSED unanimously.

Mr. Webber brought up the matter of a roofing tar spill at the intersection of Stafford and South Streets. Mr. Webber wondered why fifty-five gallon drums were sent to a residential address.

Mr. Pizer moved to adjourn and Mr. Sirrico seconded. The motion PASSED at 6:45 PM.