

Downtown Improvement Committee

Minutes – May 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Marylou Blaisdell at 7:45 a.m. in room 208, city hall.

Attending:

Marylou Blaisdell, Michael Buckley, Philip Scontsas, Liz Hannan, Fouad Mahfuz, Edward Hayes, Rich Lannan. Also in attendance: Cole Morgan, Colleen Pentland Lally, Kathleen Palmer

Discussion

Downtown Lighting for holiday – several committee members met with NE Lighting to discuss options for lighting downtown during the holiday season. An outline of options and pricing will be provided for the committee to review in June.

Downtown Planters – May 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. a walk around with Morins will take place to review all downtown planters and what needs to be done. Maintenance for plant ensure watering is done. It is essential that we have weekly maintenance. We will invite parks and recreation department to attend the May 20th Walk.

Banners – Phillip Scontsas provided designs for the committee to review. Architecture of various buildings downtown will be displayed on the banners. Discussion on what buildings and how viable to drivers. Edward Haynes made a motion to designs outlined, seconded by Michael Buckley. Unanimously accepted.

Liz Hannan provided the following updates

- Main Street conference and ideas for future projects.
- Riverfront completion and requested volunteers for kick off
- GAD has not interviewed any candidates for the ED position, the committee expressed concerns from businesses regarding events. A GAD board member is scheduled for May 28th and businesses are encouraged to attend.
- A summer stroll is set for July 26th from 3-8:00. Main will be closed from Temple to front of city hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.