

Downtown Improvement Committee

Minutes – July 31, 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, Rich Lannan.
Cole Morgan

Also, in attendance – Alyssa O'Mara, ED Great American Great Downtown

Discussion

1. Downtown Lighting for holiday – several committee members met with NE Lighting to discuss options for lighting downtown during the holiday season. The committee reviewed the proposal presenting from NE Lighting – discussion points:
 - Lighting will include all the trees as previous years and trees in the front of city hall.
 - Main Street bridge will be lit.
 - We have looked at other commercial lighting companies, but in our area few that handle city work. NE Lighting has an excellent reputation and works with many cities in NH and areas.
 - Motion by Phillip Scontsas to accept proposal for holiday lighting, second by Michael Buckley – unanimously approved.
2. Street Cleaning – committee feels the sidewalks and streets are not cleaned well. Marylou will talk to DPW and discuss the extra cleaning needs
3. Unhoused population in the downtown area and issues that businesses are faced. Marylou will talk to the chief of the police and health department to see if we can schedule a meeting to discuss how businesses can handle issues that are increasing downtown.
4. Multi-Cultural Committee – briefly discussed their need to reach out to the Downtown Nashua Restaurants and let them know of the Multicultural Festival, and how they can benefit from the festival.
5. Alysa O'Mara from GAD gave a report on events planned for the remainder of 2025 which include, Food and Wine Festival, Chalk Art Saturday, Scarecrow Design, Plaid Friday, Stroll and a few others in discussion.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

