

Downtown Improvement Committee

Minutes – September 12, 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 Scotsas, Liz Hannan, Fouad Mahfuz, Cole Morgan (via phone), Edward Haynes, Elisa Drift, Alderman Tom Lopez

Discussions

Lighting – holiday lighting is set for the 2025 year. The committee discussed lighting on the river, Liz explained the lighting options and what is needed. The committee unanimously agreed to put any monies for the river until 2026 to determine what may be required.

Downtown landscaping – Pearl Street is dirty and needs to be cleaned. Several phone calls have been made to DPW by businesses. No response currently. Marylou will send a memo to DPW to ask for cleaning asap.

Parking – Cole Morgan asked if the city could look into the issues of loading trucks on the street. Many businesses do not have back entrances and loading of products is causing traffic issues. The question was posed – could we look at 15-minute loading spaces without downtown. Liz will discuss with the parking consultant.

Security/Police downtown – the police will man a downtown officer for the next two months. The committee discussed the possibility of private security. Liz notified the committee that a meeting was just scheduled for September 18th with the BOA and downtown businesses to discuss issues. The meeting will be held at the Library at 7:00 p.m.

Budget for 4th quarter and 2026 – Liz provided the committee with discussion points on options for “Activate Nashua” a few suggestions for our committee to discuss are:

- City events
- Third Thursday
- Saturday market
- Wine walk
- Ladies night

All suggestions will be discussed in the October meeting.