

Downtown Improvement Committee

January 9, 2026

Attending: Marylou Blaisdell, Fouad Mahfuz, Edward Haynes, Elisa Drift, Phillip Sconstas, Rich Lannan, via phone Michael Buckley, also in attendance Amber Morgan, BOA member. Liz Hannan, Cole Morgan absent.

Meeting called to order at 7:45 a.m.

Chairman Marylou Blaisdell opened the meeting with discussion on holiday lighting. The lighting company will attend the February meeting of this committee to discuss what worked, what did not work and what we would like to see for 2026. Also discussed the lack of working electrical boxes in many of the planters. DPW was contacted and a request was made for these to be repaired. The committee would also like to work with the city for relocation of the holiday tree for 2026, members felt the current placement was not a good option.

Committee expenditures for 2026 and available monies. A request has been made several times for a detailed listing of all expenditures from our account, this request has been made to the finance department, no updates yet. A continued request will be made for the information for the February meeting. The committee discussed several projects for 2026

- 2026 Holiday Lighting
- Spring banners – Phillip will work on design.
- Summer sidewalk and street cleaning
- Plantings
- Stroll

Discussion on the extra police patrol downtown. Very positive feedback from downtown businesses.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.