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PRESENT: L. Smith, Chairman; A. Brubaker, Vice Chairman; W. Barker, J. Fermery,

R. Robinson, D. Janik, L. Ruest

Not Present: G. Koch, R. Dean

OLD PROJECTS

Town Common: Discussion took place with regard to a request to add gravel to fill the pot holes along the perimeter of the Town Common. It was noted that this area is, in part, State right of way and that the shoulder area may be replenished with materials at the same time Route 88 is paved this summer. L. Ruest was asked to contact the NH DOT to request that the pot holes along the shoulders (six feet from edge of pavement to grass) of the Town Common be filled with material(s).

The evergreen shrubbery planted at the Town Common monument is dead or dying. Suggestion was made to replace the shrubs in the fall at the same time the Committee plans to trim the trees on the Town Common. L. Smith will schedule a date for this work and inform the Committee.

It was noted that delivery of the elm trees is to be in 2020. L. Smith and R. Robinson plan to travel to Keene, NH, to pick them up. Planting and watering will then take place for 10 trees. With available funds, it was suggested to purchase one additional larger tree to replace the elm tree that failed along the frontage of Gov. Weare Park. Additional needs include the purchase of watering bags and fertilizer spikes.

R. Robinson has added loam to the cavity created by the leaking pressure tank for the irrigation system at the Town Common.

GWP Parking Lot Guard Rails: Committee members completed the replacement of a number of guardrails on July 9. L. Smith and A. Brubaker are rebuilding/refurbishing the picnic tables. Volunteers will be staining the rails and picnic tables soon.

Floating Dock: R. Robinson reported that he has obtained updated estimated costs and found increased pricing; \$35,000 for four docks. Discussion took place with regard to fundraising by selling engraved granite blocks for the landing to the docks as well as the potential costs associated with this option. The Parks and Recreation Commission has given its support to assist with approximately 50% funding of this project. R. Robinson noted that the blocks would need to be set in concrete given the tides.

It was agreed to pursue the floating docks project first in 2020 with the idea that the docks could be assembled inside in the winter for installation in the spring. R. Robinson is to take the lead on this project.

Miscellaneous Other:

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE JULY 16, 2019

8:00 AM TOWN HALL

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- a. Town Hall Landscaping Grant from Rye Garden Club: A. Brubaker has obtained an application form to complete and submit as soon as practical.
- b. Transfer of Ownership of Historical Society Museum: R. Dean was not present to report on this.
- c. Historical Society Museum Maintenance Projects: L. Smith stated that he reconfirmed with the abutter (Colliander) that it is okay for the Committee to prune the trees away from the rear of the building at any time. Exterior maintenance projects are on hold until after information is available to the Board of Selectmen with regard to the proposed improvements inside the building yet to be heard by the Board of Selectmen from the Historical Society.

POTENTIAL NEW PROJECTS include:

- 1. Concrete Aprons PSB: It was again identified that the concrete pad at the public safety building needs to be cut and paved in as well as a cut and patch made to the center area. There are no funds available at this time to do this work.
- **2. Municipal Parking Lot:** The plan for an initial phase is to be a cross walk with steps and rails on each side of vacant lot. There are no funds available at this time.
- **3. Other:** No other projects were addressed at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of the public were present; no comments heard.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (5/21/2019)

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting as written.

MOTION: A. BRUBAKER SECOND: W. BARKER

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MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

MOTION: D. JANIK

SECOND: A. BRUBAKER

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Next Meeting - Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 8:00 AM