

Bristol BPAC Meeting Minutes

2024-05-23

Call to Order: 7:04 P.M. via Zoom. Meeting was recorded.

In Attendance:
Christian DaBica
Brad Cameron
Tanya Bashaw

Jim Quaglino – Member of Public
Betsy Blair – Member of Public
Frieda – Town Grant Writer

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- I. 7:05 PM: Review/approval of the April 25, 2024 meeting minutes - APPROVED
- II. Public Forum
 - a. Jim: Asked about the grants coming through, \$48k was the figure he had seen. CD: Yes, Agency of transpiration seeking grants for bicycle and pedestrian improvements, Also application for sidewalk scoping. Engineering study, trying to get the details taken care of in advance of any work. Jim felt it was a lot of money, however a specific dollar amount has not been assigned to this grant. CD: we have not been directly involved, so we will need to check out notes, survey that was conducted prior (not by our group) was more expensive than expected.
 - b. Frieda: Yes, we are applying for a grant in 2 weeks, scoping study for the bad section of sidewalk right from town offices to the creamy stand. This would be a grant to conduct the study, with the intention to apply for a second grant to conduct the work coming out of that study.
- III. Quarterly Initiatives and Grants
 - a. CD: our goal is to bring one initiative in front of the selectboard per quarter. A good way for us to pass initiatives is to pair them with grant funding. Ian has asked us to brig a formal request to BPAC a formal request for a crosswalk at Spring Street and North.
 - b. Frieda: Grants for anything we can think of, Examples: crosswalks, traffic calming, bike and rec trails there are grants. Asked us to share what our overall ideas for initiatives with her. CD-response: we'll put together a short list of ideas that we have, with trails being a part of our focus – trails with new leaf organic. Frieda said to forward this info so that we could
 - c. Betsy: would like to betsyblair33@gmail.com to have our initiatives to be sent to her as well. She warned that she has connectivity issues and may be slow to respond. And instead to have phone numbers called. CD: we will email to exchange contact info.
 - d. CD: Shared new leaf is building trails for mountain biking, with their goal to be to have trails that run from new leaf to the watershed. Will get clarity to see if they're setup as a non-profit. Fried: they should consider it to unlock funding opportunities – the state loves partnerships. CD: there is loose affiliation with rec dept, he'll work

to get us all connected.

- e. Frieda: Best way to connect with her is via email. Reiterated that there is a lot of funding that can be paired with ideas. Supports our efforts to have a funding source in mind for initiative ideas.
- f. CD: should we come with ideas and come to Frieda to understand what's available? How can we understand what grants are available.
- g. Frieda: Knows of specific grants that she could share with us, as well as having ideas for grants that she can bring to us. Bike grants, traffic calming, things that are available in the village... the state wants friendly walkable towns / villages.
- h. CD: Mentioned the bike rack initiative that we're seeking to add more bike racks / storage. Frieda: Better Places Grants is the first to mind. Not a guarantee that we'll get grants, but if we keep applying it will show how much of a need it is. \$10k-\$15k = small grants. Biking trails and networks there are larger sums of money available for partnerships to be in play. Outdoor rec grants would be a great area for us to apply with. Frieda: keep a list of our ideas.
- i. TB: can we re-meet when everyone is available? CD: we'll need to follow open meeting rules, post 2 days in advance and record and make meeting available to the public.
- j. Betsy: asked where the meetings are posted. CD: we post on the town's website, recording on neat, and we keep to a regular schedule for the meeting. We can add Betsy to the email list.
- k. Betsy: Asked if we can google the grants if we know the name of them. Frieda: would share links and direct us to documents.

IV. Other Business

- a. CD: noted that he was going to forward the draft of the survey, but noting that there is already a survey in the community for the band stand redesign, unsure where that survey came from. We're going to refrain from sharing our survey until after the community has processed the band stand survey, felt there was too much sensitivity around the personal information collection, a concern we are mindful of with our survey with local motion.

V. Adjourn – 7:34PM