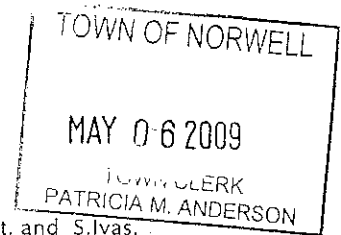


Norwell Pathways Committee Meeting Notes
10 Feb 09



Present: B. Jackson, C. Josti, S. Raeside, A. Staples, D. Vose, S. Turner, W. Garpow, Consultant, and S. Ivas.

1. Agenda moved AS, SR seconded, at 7:09 PM.
2. Minutes of 13 Jan 09 approved, motion by BJ, seconded by CJ.
3. Updates.
 - A. BJ reviewed first page of funders from information that WG provided in a matrix, copied pages, noted requirements of each funder, suggested that after we hear from WG, take time to review each funder with projector, rather than printing out lots of paper.
 - B. SR contracted Cole PTO, found them very receptive, put him on the agenda for the next Feb meeting, with no date yet. Jim Roche is co-chair of Cole PTO.
3. **W. Garpow, Grants Consultant discussed her work to date with the Committee.**
 - A. Provided updated matrix, plus a memo with methods, separated into public and private funders.
 - B. Noted that the "Safe Routes to School" program is a popular item for funding.
 - C. DV noted that there is a woman's league in Norwell, and we should look to involving them.
 - D. WG noted the following trends:
 - (1) Many like projects that deal with schools - more emphasis on these projects found narrowing focus with current economy, trend is from environmental ed and quality of life issues to education.
 - (2) Government grants now have the deepest pockets.
 - (3) Likelihood that public grants may be higher (i.e. more funds).
 - (4) Foundations like to fund where government cannot, therefore we may wish to start in pursuing government grants. SR asked if stimulus package would go to this purpose.
 - (5) Very few private funders doing design or engineering. Easier to find money for construction.
 - E. We discussed Trails RFP, and noted that Scituate must have same.
 - F. WG noted that Design and Engineering funders often want to be involved in same, and this can be good and bad.
 - G. WG will update application to award ratio for recommendations to us.
 - H. There was a consensus to put **funder # 27 - bicycle racks, on agenda for next meeting**, after WG explained that this was a program that provided funds after the racks were installed, as a reimbursement.
 - I. WG discussed that Associated Grantmakers have a common application.
 - J. WG noted that we should look at big picture approach, most are yearly grant rounds, and amount of work for each grant is the same, whether the grants are small or large. WE should look into how each fits into general goals and objectives.
 - K. Please note: WG provided a summary of her next steps which was e-mailed to the group.
 - L. Discussion regarding acquisition. DV led brief discussion on Pine Street, Dolley, Mullen, and easements or not.
 - M. Letter of Interest is a synopsis of project. AS noted that consensus is needed on the language of this synopsis. WG gave an outline - who what where why how. Consensus to have WG do a short outline for Letter of Interest. **Also being placed on agenda for next time.**
 - N. Next steps include:
 - (1) Contact funders - phone calls to verify information, priorities, matrix information is correct. Find out if interested in funding other categories that now have questions. Need 30 seconds or less. Point is to develop relationship with private funders, particularly. Better for the Committee to do this. Therefore, we should focus on private funders, and WG with public funders.
 - N. WG to screen, then Committee to decide on detailed funders. Will update matrix.

4. SI presented a demonstration of the use of various datalayers using Geographical Information System (GIS) Software.
- A. We reviewed together various alignments of the proposed pathway.
- (1) We reviewed alternative access to the Jacobs Pond property along Jacobs Lane and Prospect Street.
- (2) We looked at access into the Hatch lots from Loring Farm, etc., area.
- B. We discussed preparation of PDFs for presentation purposes, and there was a consensus that the pathway should not include areas that we have no control over.

