

May Rye Town Center Committee Rye Civic League Notes

Meeting Date: 5/4/2022

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Highlights

1. TAP Grant Update
2. Committee report and timeline
3. Committee focus and planning for the future

Details

TAP Grant Update: Karen sent email to Tom Jameson – PM at NH DOT with questions that came out of Mar. 2 meeting

He had sent email to Becky because Sam A engineers reached out and congratulated us

He laid out draft schedule

Funding is subject to governor's 10 year budget plan

More steps before they release funding

As soon as Karen hears back she will let the committee know

Committee report to Select Board: Report to select board and timeline

- We want to do this more formally
- Complete it collectively
- Karen will take on the updating of this timeline
- We have a start from Mae
- Can piece together through minutes

Committee Focus: Construction delays and delays with buildings – what could be our focus now while long term things are pending

- Ask select board to update the charge
- What should we focus on?
- Maybe more direction from SB would be helpful
- What are we working on while waiting

Committee Planning: Brainstorm ideas to discuss at June meeting

- Tied with the buildings
- Delays at the annex
- Delays on be awarded information on the TAP grant
- Traffic easing in non-permanent way
- Repainting lines – meet with new director of DPW
- Is committee the center of the things happening in the town center area
 - o Legitimate charge
 - o Hardly started before exceptions, waivers
 - Ignore TD bank
 - Ignore parsonage
 - Ignore trolley

- Ignore public safety building
 - Nothing left
- Planning – several years in doing the planning at the library
 - Trying to do things right at the library
 - Large part of the Rye Town Center
 - Need to do similar things in the Rye Town Center
- What’s happening with whole town of Rye
 - Updates replace master plan
 - Visioning sessions, meetings, promises unkept
- Overall planning – is it done
- Buildings were on our charge originally and now taken away
- Should we focus on green spaces and travel spaces in town center
 - Connectivity
 - Public safety
 - School
 - Town hall and Annex
 - Partnering and talking to library
 - Youth space in church
- Planning towards vision
- Address intersections
- What does “planning” mean and how do we start

Update from sign committee

- Mission: Ensure Rye’s history is accessible
- Vision: Wheelchair, walking, biking, driving accessible, pictorial signs that tell the story of fishing, farming, tourism, community, industry and natural history of Rye

Candlelight stroll

- Kick off 400th anniversary celebrations
- Highlight properties in the historic district
- End with tree lighting in Parsons Field