

**Whitcomb Hall Committee (WHC), Main Street Advisory Committee (MSAC), West Swanzey Sidewalk
Committee (WSSC)
May 28, 2014 Joint Meeting Minutes**

Note: Draft Minutes are subject to review, correction and approval by the Committees. Review and approval of Minutes generally takes place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committees.

Meeting commenced at 4:15 p.m. at Whitcomb Hall.

Present: Lee Dunham (WHC, MSAC), Marion Bedard (WHC, WSSC), Jerry Bussiere (WHC), Pete Johnson (WHC), Ann Bedaw (WHC), Nancy Carlson (WHC, MSAC), Gail Wood (WHC), Scott Self (MSAC), Mike Gomarlo (WSSC), Gordon Ayotte (WSSC), Marge Reed (WSSC), Ernest Perry (WSSC), Lena Whipple (WSSC), Barbara Skuly (MSAC) and P&CD Director Sara Carbonneau. Also present Stratton Free Librarian Carol Haley and Selectman Ken Colby.

After introductions, Bedard briefly stated why the WSSC wanted to meet with the WHC and MSAC. Ayotte stated that the WSSC has been waiting a number of years to repair the sidewalks on Main Street and wanted to know what the plan was for the Main Street renovations. Carbonneau reviewed the history of the Main Street project (including the 2012 “Meet Me On Main!” charrette, the NH-AIA competition featuring Whitcomb Hall, the park at the site of the former W. Swanzey Athletic Association, and the work of the Main Street Advisory Committee. Carbonneau stated that RFPs from engineering firms have been received and that the MSAC will be reviewing the RFPs on June 3rd. It is anticipated that the MSAC will make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen on June 3rd at the BOS’s regularly scheduled meeting. It is hoped that engineering work will be completed in 2014 and construction will (hopefully) take place in 2015 – dependent upon funding. Dunham and Carbonneau both noted that public feedback on the engineering design will be part of the process. Gomarlo stated that he is very interested in making sure that Main Street, the bridge, the park, and Whitcomb Hall are all ready for the 100th anniversary celebration of Whitcomb Hall.

It was noted by some present that a few immediate changes should take place – notably the removal of the jersey barriers in front of the future park and making the park “usable” until such time as the final design is put in place. Bedard noted that it would be nice if the bridge could be repainted – especially after all the vehicle “hits” that have taken place.

Questions were raised about how various committee members and members of the public can keep abreast of what is happening in the town. Carbonneau noted that minutes of most committees are posted on the Town’s website, as well as meeting schedules. It was noted that all meetings are open to the public. Colby encouraged attendance at meetings. Carbonneau stated that committee minutes and postings of meeting should be sent to either her or Coleen Birmingham for inclusion on the Town’s website.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

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