



## 53 RIVER STREET MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 7:00 PM Virtual Meeting

**Present:** David Martin, Bill Alesbury, Bill Klauer, Stephanie Krantz, Ilana Liebert (late), Thomas Begin (Assistant Town Manager).

**Absent:** Peter Hocknell, Lou York.

#### 1. Opening

David Martin called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM via a virtual meeting with no committee members in physical attendance and broadcasted via Zoom.us virtual meeting platform.

- A. A quorum is present.
- B. Notes from the Chair – none.
- C. Resident concerns – none.

#### 2. New Business

D. Project updates from Tom B.:

- a. We know the budget for finishing the project. Although we were not awarded the MVP grant, we have a CPA grant of \$201K to finish the project, plus an \$20K CPA grant for historic signage. In addition, we have applied for a Cool Communities grant for additional trees in the park.
- b. The remaining construction to be complete this fall includes: creating parking lot, historic signage, paving pathways, stormwater infrastructure, loaming and seeding (if too late in the year, loaming and seeding may be done in the spring), and removing fences (snow fences may be used to protect the grass seed).
- c. Looking at images from the Library and Historical Society for the historic signage.



- E. Park Naming: David said that he advocated for the Textile Mill Park name that the committee voted for, however the Select Board wants to get additional input from a survey and related committees.
- F. Future of committee. The committee agreed that it was ready to sunset. David Martin moved to ask the Select Board to disband the committee – Seconded by Stephanie Krantz. It passed unanimously.
- G. Several members of the committee expressed some interest in participating in a “Friends” group care for the park, however no member felt that they had the bandwidth to lead such an effort. David said that he would reiterate in an email to the Committee.
- H. Approval of the minutes from the 18 FEBRUARY 2025 committee meeting, and to pre-accept the minutes from this last meeting of the committee: Motion made by David Martin and seconded by Bill Alesbury. It passed unanimously.
- I. There will be no future meetings of the Committee.
- J. Motion to adjourn was made at 7:43pm by David Martin and seconded by Bill Klauer. It passed unanimously.

**Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting:**

- Meeting Agenda for 16 SEPTEMBER 2025
- Draft minutes from the 18 FEBRUARY 2025 committee meeting
- 1900 photograph of the mills