

Danville Train Station Committee Minutes

Meeting of June 14, 2022 5:30-6:30 pm

Location: Danville Town Hall Meeting Room and via Zoom

Attendees: Michael Hogue, Rob Balivet, Kate Whitehead, Patty Conly, Laural Ruggles, Ted Houle and Peter Crosby

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm by Michael Hogue, chair. The Danville Train Station Committee (DTSC) is a subcommittee of the Planning Committee. Michael took roll; no guests present.

Minutes from the May 10, 2022 meeting were moved to the June meeting as a quorum was not present.

Building and Land-Sally Fishburn, co chair

Sally provided a written report to the committee:

After the May 6th kick off meeting Ryan Edwards and Bob Neeld conducted their existing conditions survey. We are waiting to hold the first schematic meeting until the site survey is completed and the civil engineer has a chance to look over the property.

We worked out the invoice approval process and paid Ryan's first invoice.

On Tuesday, June 7th Ryan Edwards, Kate Whitehead, and Sally Fishburn had an initial conversation with VTrans regarding the planned construction of the platform which will be partially on their property and the use of the level grassy area across the rail trail for picnic tables and a kiosk. We meet with Jackie Casino who is in charge of all things rail trail, Mark Fitzgerald, who is in charge of the rail trail property management, and Tyler Hobbs who works with Mark.

They require any built elements to be 8 feet from the centerline of the trail. The trail is 8 feet wide and they need to maintain a 4 foot margin from the edge of the trail. There appears to be plenty of room to accommodate the platform and canopy.

They are totally supportive of recreating the platform and canopy. They have a process worked out for creating leases with property owners and municipalities regarding the use of their land and provisions for who will maintain the land and the items on the land.

They will also release in the near future the specifications for signage and kiosks. They are considering plans to supply specs for historical markers.

Once we have the completed site survey and schematic design VTrans will make a site visit to review how we want to use their land and if it fits within their requirements. We are expecting that site visit to happen in the end of June or beginning of July.

Ryan is waiting to chat with the civil engineer before providing a revised schedule.

The completion of the site survey was delayed due to a health issue with Brad Wheeler, the wetlands consultant. The wetlands delineation is now scheduled to happen on June 22nd.

Darryl with the ground penetration sonar surveyed the train station property on June 2nd for underground tanks. None were found in the areas suggested in Tom Visser's report. An anomaly was found about 2' down in the

vicinity of the northwest corner. It was marked with spray paint and Keith was possibly going to dig down to find out what it is.

Ryan is supposed to submit a revised schedule before the meeting. I will forward it to Michael when I receive it.

Use, Kate Whitehead, co chair

Kate updated the committee on receipt of a Downtown Transportation grant in the amount of \$100,000, bringing the DTSC grant total, including the seed monies from the Town of \$50,000, to around \$413,000. Some of these funds are allocated to non-construction projects, leaving around \$365,000 against the construction preliminary cost estimates.

In addition, Kate indicated she was working on a REDI grant to cover some of the grant writing and administration work for the Town.

She also said that Destination Danville, headed by Paul Weaver from the Energy Committee, was moved to Memorial Day weekend and was a huge success. She thanked all that helped in this effort.

Patty Conly informed us that the DTSC presentation at the PTV conference in St J on June the 9th was a huge success and that we have a solid presentation to use as a base for Town meetings.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Hogue