



**TOWN OF OXFORD**  
**Oxford Main Street Project Committee**  
**S.B. Church Memorial Town Hall**  
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**(203) 888-2543**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday January 9, 2024

Present: Helen Leung, Tony Sanangelo, Jim Sanders & Pat Cocchiarella  
Public: Karen Cook

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Secretary Helen Leung and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Acceptance of Minutes**

Tony made a motion to accept the Minutes of the 12/12/2023 OMSP Meeting. Seconded by Jim. All ayes. Motion passed.

**Amendment of the Agenda**

none

**New Business**

Continuing Nature Path – as discussed by Jim Sanders

- Jim discussed funding for additional work to the nature path not covered by the CCGP grant funding for Phase 1B
- Jim will get an estimate to extend the nature trail so that it loops back to the walkway
- The Matthies Foundation grant can fund up to 10,000
- The Dana & Christopher Reeves Foundation is accepting grant applications in August
- Once Phase 1B gets started, the Town will be eligible to apply for funding from the next round of CCGP grant funding

**Audience of Citizens**

None

**501(C)3 Committee Report** as reported by Tony Sanangelo, Chairman OMSP 501(c)3

1. Fundraiser starting on January 12<sup>th</sup> to raise \$7,500 for the pedestrian bridge.
  - a. website driven fundraiser
  - b. 60 days duration
  - c. 100% matched by Sustainable CT
  - d. Jim will send out press releases to 7 local newspapers and the Oxford Patch
2. Valley Community Foundation
  - a. Grant application submitted for \$6,000 to be used for the entranceway arch, trail kiosk and/or pedestrian bridge
  - b. Grant awards will be announced at the end of January
3. Other potential sources of grant funding
  - a. Community Support Committee (powerplant)
  - b. ARPA
4. Phase 2 – Karen Cook provided an update
  - a. The BOS must RFQ for an engineer for the project (B&B is not qualified to engineer the project, but will assist the Town in searching for the suitable candidate)

- b. Currenting awaiting federal approval for the RFQ
- 5. Next meeting in January the 501.c.3 will discuss approaching local restaurants, Char & Lemon and Sitting Duck for funding opportunities (ie: donating 10-20% of day's sales)
- 6. Tony & Jim to contact potential partners:
  - a. Local Businessmen's Association
  - b. Historical Society
  - c. Grange
  - d. Senior Center
  - e. Garden Club
  - f. Rotary
  - g. Lion's Club

**Other Business**

- 1. Tony suggested making Karen Cook, the Town's grant writer a member of the OMSP Committee. Helen stated that only the First Selectman can appoint members to the Committee.
- 2. Jim brought up the issues with the walkway to be further discussed at the next meeting:
  - a. The smaller stones and fill between the larger boulders have washed away after the heavy rainfall
  - b. Scratches caused by a recent motor vehicle accident. 3" divets may cause a tripping hazard

**Adjournment**

Jim moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Pat. All ayes. Motion carries.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted and subject to approval,

**Helen Leung**

OMSP Secretary

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SECRETARY  
Helen Leung