

Wiscasset Public Advisory Downtown Committee  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016  
5:00 PM Municipal Meeting Room

Minutes

1. Welcome & Introductions –  
Town Manager Marian Anderson welcomed all the PAC members present. Ernie Martin, MDOT, Jamie Sonia, Selectmen David Cherry, Susan Robson, Town Planner Ben Averill, Steve Christiansen, Bill Maloney, Lonnie-Kennedy-Patterson, Selectmen Jeff Slack, Seaver Leslie, Cynthia Davis.
2. Election of Committee Chair- the committee discussed the appointment of a chair and decided by consensus to have Manager Anderson facilitate the meetings and disseminate all information to the PAC members.
3. Discussion of VISION Statement: What do you think of the downtown? Ernie Martin asked the PAC to review the list of problems and concerns: the following are the comments of the PAC members:

***Lonnie: parking lot lightning & street lights, change in traffic flow and safety on the side streets***

***Bill: design awareness for physically challenged users, address deteriorated buildings & façade***

***David: store entrance ADA compliance & requirements, signage “way finding” to parking lots***

***Ben: bike lanes & street lighting***

***Susan: awareness of any possible flooding issues on Railroad Avenue***

***Jeff: make downtown more year round – ADA entrances to existing shops***

***Jamie: restroom, future conversations about more comfort facilities***

***Bill proposed the following vision statement:*** Improve through traffic flow, increasing safety for pedestrians and vehicles, while maintaining and enhancing the beauty and historical aspects and aesthetics of the community – adopted by consensus

Ernie Martin stated that at future meetings historic preservation, public safety, chamber of commerce will be invited. Addressing Safety, Mobility and Historical issues will be important considerations in the project development.

Seaver asked the committee to be mindful of the entire process, look at each issue in the design very carefully. The downtown is a very important “calling card” to the Wiscasset community. Seaver also discussed recording the meetings. By consensus the PAC agreed it was not necessary, however if Seaver would like to be responsible for recording, there were no objections.

4. Public Notification of meetings etc. –  
The PAC discussed that all the meetings are public and the newspapers would be notified.
5. The Process: Next scheduled meeting of the PAC, January 23, 2017 @ 5:00 PM.

Meeting ended: 6:15 P. M.