

## Minutes

### Downtown Improvement Committee

October 14, 2022

In Attendance: , Michael Buckley, Edward Hayes, Tim Sinnott, Marylou Blaisdell, Tim Cummings, Daniele Skelley, via phone Rich Lannan

Also in attendance: Carolyn Walley, Great American Downtown

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 a.m.

Approval of August 2022 minutes – motion to accept by Michael Buckley, second by Edward Hayes. Unanimous approval.

Items for discussion:

1. Holiday Lighting for 2022 – contract with Lights Up, this year cost is 10,500.00 They will light Main Street as they did in 2021. Marylou had looked to find other vendors for this project, but this is one of the only companies that handles southern NH. Motion to accept proposal and proceed with lighting made by Edward Hayes, second by Michael Buckley, unanimous approval.
2. Holiday Banners – the director of parks and recreation stated the holiday banners are in rough shape and not appropriate for hanging this year. A quote to replace from Alphagraphics for \$8,325.26 was obtained. Motion by Michael Buckley, second by Edward Hayes to ensure banners are not worthy of hanging and if so proceed to print new ones for 2022. Unanimous approval.
3. Updates from Tim Cummings:
  - a. Arts center construction on target. Seats on the way from Belgium.
  - b. Barriers are down for 2022 season, Edward asked if there would be discussion on 2023 season soon? Tim stated that would occur.
  - c. City studying parking for downtown employees in a central area. A need for all businesses downtown.
4. Carolyn Walley, director of GAD presented update on stroll for 2022. Vendors and food trucks are in place. Sponsorships are down, but working to increase. Ice sculptures will return to city hall plaza.

Laurie Ortalano asked for public comment regarding stroll, emails for committee members and barriers downtown.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m. Motion by Michael Buckley, unanimous approval.

