



NEWBURYPORT LIVABLE STREETS

Meeting Notes August 8, 2023 – 7:00 pm Senior Community Center – Boardroom

1. Welcome / Introductions --
 - Members present: Rick Taintor, Sheila Taintor, Juliet Walker, Alden Clark, Ben Iacono, Jared Hubbard, Bonnie Sontag, Owen Smith
 - Guests: Patrick Reed (MVPC), Councilor Jim McCauley, Karen Holt, Andrew _____ (from Beverly)
2. Approval of July Meeting Minutes -- [NLS 2023-07-11 Meeting Notes.docx](#)
 - Sheila moved to approve, Alden seconded, approved unanimously
3. Project updates -- [080823 NLS Project Updates.docx](#)
 - Reviewed project list and provided updates
4. Grants/fundraising
 - Grassroots Fund (NEGEF) Grow Grant
 - Decided to hold on applying for this until spring round
5. Storey Avenue Brainstorm (Bonnie)
 - Wishlist to incorporate livable streets criteria into zoning amendments
 - Pedestrian connectivity (minimum standards for sidewalk width and overall connectivity)
 - Vision plan -- design guidelines for providing connections to and across public streets
 - Mixed use development
 - Active street fronts -- on first floor uses
 - Encourage pedestrian and bicycle connections to downtown (including transit)
 - Streetscape/greening standards
 - Minimum bike parking requirements
 - Complement but not compete with downtown
6. NLS Organization Support -- Fundraising, Communications, Advocacy
 - What are we doing now...
 - Web page, social (Facebook, Mastodon), newsletter, email list -- Rick

- Blog articles -- ?
- Fundraising (grants, donations) -- Alden is checking bank statements, but no formal organization
- Advocacy -- ad hoc at the moment, email and letter writing
- Member list -- Rick adds to the newsletter list, we have no formal membership structure
- Communications -- Sheila shares our newsletter with the schools

7. Meeting dates

- September 5 (day after Labor Day)
- October 3
- November 8

8. Other Items

- Know Your Community Event Re-Cap
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