

Mount Airy Main Street Revitalization Committee

Minutes for the October 21, 2003 Committee Meeting

Attendance

James Holt	Allison Schaefer	Rob Scranton
Aaron Lubick	Chris Bernido	John Cherry
Amy Lubick	Billy Wagner	Wendi Peters
Jay Neuman	Andrew Kuehner	
Ben Gue	Kathy Sullivan	
Larry Valett	Melissa Clark	

Opening

Mayor Holt opened the meeting at 7pm.

Introductions

Sub-Committee Reports

1. Promotion Sub-Committee

Ben Gue reported on the successful Fall Festival and discussed plans for the upcoming Dec. 6 Holiday event. Amy Lubick reported that some of the extra committee promotion flyers left over from the Fall Festival were placed at the library and town hall.

2. Design Sub-Committee

A slide show prepared by Melissa Clark was postponed again to the following monthly meeting. John Cherry will bring a projector to the next meeting for the slide show.

New Business

1. Non-Profit Status

Following-up on the committee's decision last month to pursue establishing a non-profit organization, Wendi Peters offered to look into the requirements for creating a 501C3.

2. Donation for Start-Up Costs

Rob Scranton pledged up to \$1,000 to help cover the startup costs for establishing a non-profit entity for the committee.

3. Organizational Structure

A suggestion was made to focus on finalizing an organizational structure for the committee, including officers and chairmen. The "grass-roots committee" has been meeting for approximately nine months, however the organizational structure and officers have not been established.

4. Crosswalks

The committee discussed signed crosswalks in town and the State law that requires motorists to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. Mayor Holt said he will speak to the town troopers to request that they watch for motorists ignoring the crosswalks and enforce the law.

5. Town Ownership of Rt. 808 (Main Street)

The committee discussed the costs and benefits of having the Town take control of Route 808 (Main Street) from the State Highway Admin. The Town reportedly considered doing so 8-10 years ago but decided not to. Taking over the road would give the town more control and flexibility however there would be additional expenses such as paving and snow removal. It was noted that the Town could

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phase in ownership of 808 and use it as a bargaining tool for getting the State to complete projects on MD 27.

6. Chamber of Commerce Web Site

Keith Keil of the Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce invited the committee to post information on their website.

7. Beautification Commission

The committee received an email from the town Beautification Commission inquiring about suggestions and ideas for how their commission can work with the Main Street committee.

8. Meeting Agenda

The committee will prepare and circulate an agenda prior to upcoming meetings. Amy Lubick will circulate the agenda for the November meeting.

Old Business

1. Vision statement

Amy Lubick will circulate the vision statement to the committee so the statement can be finalized during the next monthly meeting.

2. Book Boss - A recommendation was made during the 9/16/03 meeting to establish a "book boss."

Next Meeting

November 18, 2003 7pm at Town Hall

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Minutes prepared by John Cherry