



Minutes | DDC

August 7th 2017

- **Roll Call** (Dubois, Durkin, Eon, Schlaver, Droggitis, Nielson, Foley, Edwards, Kelliher)

Commissioners Present: Dubois, Durkin, Eon, Schlaver, Droggitis, Nielson, Foley

Commissioners Absent: Edwards, Kelliher

- **Guests | Public** Mark Oullette + Grant McPherson

- **Guest's Remarks** (Oullette)

Installation of first public wifi hotspot took place two days prior – already has had 20 users even though un-advertised. 2 signs are still to be installed in sidewalk area.

Bangor Savings is the key sponsor donating 3k for the equipment and 2k in maintenance contracts. For the next 3 years,

GWJ has donated the internet at a value of \$100/mo for 36 months.

The DDC has not seen contracts for above mentioned services but are told they exist.

Future hotspots require additional sponsors 2 additional sponsors are being sought – total sponsorship per hotspot = 5K for three years or \$138/mo

Discussion of potential sponsors, locations and community benefits

Discussion of other Maine communities and the highlights of their wifi programs

Consider putting together event acknowledging the contributions for this hotspot and to promote the improvement + need for additional sponsors. Utilize initial usage data and Marketing materials provided by Axiom to solicit sponsorships for additional hotspots.

- **Motion to Accept June Minutes (no July meeting):** Nielson, 2nd Droggitis – Unanimous as amended to correct Riverwalk table location.

- **Riverwalk Tables / Budget**



June 26th DDC Voted to spend funds on outdoor seating/tables for the Riverwalk overlook. City officials were involved in selection process as were local property owners. Purchase was put on hold and DDC is still awaiting rationale despite follow-ups from Chair.

Next Steps – Additional Follow up on tables – Request that city planner and city staff attend Sept meeting to provide update on Riverwalk and coordinate subsequent actions.

• **Reports and Business**

Update on Ad Hoc Committee + initial Downtown Improvement District meetings.

Items for future action:

- Benches

- Commissioners would like to see bus stops better identified

- Bike Rack Installaiton

- Stop Signs and key Main Street intersections

Meeting Adjourned