

Commissioners Present: Clearwater, Dubois, Durkin, Edwards, Foley, Swanton
[QUORUM]

Commissioners Absent: Droggitis, Schlaver

City Representative: Favreau

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I • Opening Remarks: Chair

II • Welcome guests – Two UNE students sitting in

III • Vote to approve April 2018 Minutes

[Moved: Foley, Second: Clearwater, Vote: Unanimous]

IV • Reports

• Budget

WiFi – 265 Main street work has been done; roughly \$3200 after check clears
\$4015.38 remaining from FY17

FY19 – Submitted for \$5,000

Current line still recommending \$2,500 for DDC

Discussion of Clean Team – not within the budget at all

Clearwater will attend May 8 Public Meeting to ask for Clean Team
funding

• Chairman's Follow-Ups

Downtown Construction – Lincoln Street ongoing, sidewalks/power ongoing with
City (Milligan)

Main Street phase 2 – survey and public meeting, Adams to Elm finishing work;
Water Street intersection – on hold with Maine DOT

Saco Island Development – Initial public hearings in Saco occurring this month

Amtrak communication – re: Hill Street fire one truck couldn't get through.
Favreau will report on NEPRA meetings attended and keep DDC up to date on
transportaiton discussions.

V • Old Business and City Business



- **WiFi**

Favreau update: 265 Main Street (May 22 install date)
Signs will be posted with New England Cancer Specialists logo on that end of Main Street

Colin Haley – GWI contact

Thank you and ribbon cutting event – Swanton will take lead

- **Favreau, parking update**

26 responses through Delilah handing out hard copy forms

58 more via google form

Parking management plan taking feedback into account

Comments from 3 public hearings included in parking plan; will be presented to council, input will be ongoing as plan develops

Clearwater – city/DDC should focus on messaging tied to mil rate (e.g. garage will drive business, business will take pressure off local taxes)

- **HUD CAC update** – Edwards; HUD money will be targeting building code improvements for safety and LMI housing; can be support for DDC work

VI • **New Business**

- **Potential subcommittees**

Business Retention; (Clearwater interested; Favreau working on this)

Parking and Transportation;

Cleaning and Beautification;

Gateways and Signage; (Edwards; will outreach to Engine/Tammy Ackerman)

Façade Improvement (funded by Economic Dev/HUD CDBG, Swanton and Dubois interested);

Riverwalk/Public Spaces/Parks; (Foley interested; contact Greg Tainsley specifically)

Downtown Zoning and Housing;

Potential: Economic Diversity/outreach/host public discussions/zoning; ad hoc committees as needed; perhaps each commissioner take responsibility for each project area (one to one)

Neighborhood Mapping Plan (L. Waters; Favreau)

- **Believe in Biddeford**

Mat Eddy hosting on Channel 3 – public access

- **New website**

Updates happening soon; staff in trainings

VII • **Meeting Adjourned (7:39p)**

[Moved: Edwards, Second: Foley, Vote: Unanimous]