MINUTES
TIDE COMMITTEE
February 5, 2020

Present: Pat Kostell, Chairperson, Peter Beck, Betsy Daise, Archie Livingston, Peter Beck, Marie Bost and Cameron Andrews. Also present were Town Administrator Iris Hill, Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus and Special Projects Coordinator Kelly Moore.
Absent: Mickey Van Metre (prior notice)

Call to Order: Chairperson Kostell called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: Peter Beck moved to approve the minutes of Dec. 4, 2019 meeting, seconded by Archie Livingston and approved 4 – 0 prior to the arrival of Marie Bost and Cameron Andrews.

Election of Vice Chairperson: Archie Livingston volunteered to be the Vice Chairperson of the TIDE Committee. The motion was approved 5 – 0 prior to Cameron Andrews’ arrival.

Chairperson Kostell introduced new member Betsy Daise to the Committee.

Old Business:

Gateway Improvements – Status Update – Cameron Andrews updated the Committee on the Gateway Improvements. He told the Committee he had been in touch with vendors of turtle-friendly solar lighting. He said he would now contact local landscapers to find out what they recommend.

Update from Recreational Plan Committee Representative – Peter Beck updated the Committee on the Gateway Improvements. The Recreational Plan Committee (RPC) met with Toole for a kick-off meeting last week. Toole gave the RPC a scope of the project. The next step will be a “Visioning Workshop” in late March. An Open House will take place for the public and other stakeholder groups to give input.

Budget Recommendations – Town Administrator Iris Hill told the Committee that $15,000 was budgeted for branding in this budget year. Administrator Hill recommended the Committee wait until Toole presented their vision for branding before moving forward with replacing any existing signs. Special Projects Coordinator Kelly Moore presented a photo of a possible “No Smoking” sign to be put at Bay Creek Park. Mrs. Moore will proceed with having 4 or 5 of these signs made with existing materials.

At Jungle Road Park, the rubber mulch has been refreshed. The Committee then discussed the possibility of the wooden walkway being extended. Peter Beck, the TIDE Committee representative on the Recreational Plan Committee recommended waiting to do that until after Toole had completed their assessment.

At Burley L. Lyons park, there have been two benches added. The Committee will wait until Toole has submitted recommendations to address any additional features desired.
Administrator Hill supplied photographs of proposed additions to the Town’s Christmas lights. She suggested purchasing one of each of the choices (one starfish, one sea turtle) and have a Town employee who has welding experience make three more of each. The Town would need to supply lights for the ones that are welded, but that will keep the cost down in the long run. Marie Bost moved to buy one starfish and one sea turtle light pole-mounted Christmas light and have the Utilities employee put together three additional of each. Betsy Daise seconded the motion, which was approved 6 – 0.

New Business

Chairperson Kostell suggested to Committee members that they revisit their 5-, 10-, and 15-year plans that were addressed in previous meetings so that they might consolidate ideas to present to the Recreational Plan Committee. The TIDE Committee members should also consider what the TIDE Committee can do while Toole is completing their work that will be most beneficial to the Town.

Curb Stops for Beach Accesses – Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus gave examples of possible additions to beach accesses for car stops. Toole will be looking at this as well. The TIDE Committee agreed that the best course of action would be to try several of each type of car stop and see which worked and looked the best.

Turtle Sign Information – The TIDE Committee agreed to defer decision on the Turtle Patrol-suggested turtle information sign until a Turtle Patrol member could be present.

Chairperson Kostell notified the Committee that the May meeting would be held on May 6, 2020, not April 29th as previously advertised.

Administrator Hill told the Committee that plans were underway to renovate the handrails in front of Town Hall with wood, rope and stainless steel finishings. Charlie Bloomingdale will be doing the work. Mr. Bloomingdale showed the Committee the materials he was considering. Marie Bost moved to approve Mr. Bloomingdale to complete the handrails in front of Town Hall in the manner described. Cameron Andrews seconded the motion which was approved 6 – 0.

Adjournment

Peter Beck moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marie Bost and approved 6 – 0.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE

Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
March 4, 2020