

MEETING NOTES OF THE ST. ALBANS DOWNTOWN BOARD
100 North Main Street St. Albans, VT 05478
Meeting Date: June 17th, 2014

Board Members	Present	Absent
<u>Rachel Kinney</u>		x
<u>Laz Scangas</u>	x	
<u>Jeff Young</u>	x	
<u>Jim Walsh</u>		x
<u>Jeff Bean</u>		x
<u>Mike Blouin</u>	x	
<u>Sharon Holcomb</u>	x	
<u>Katy Collin, Vice Chair</u>	x	
<u>Pauline Cray</u>	x	
<u>John Holzscheiter</u>		x
<u>Mike McCarthy Chair</u>	x	
<u>Vesna Bozic</u>		x
<u>Dominic Cloud Cty. Mgr.</u>		x

STAFF

Martin Manahan, Director of Economic Development
 Chip Sawyer, Director of Planning & Development

Public Present:

Greg Bakos, VHB, Inc.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Lacking a quorum, Katy Collin opened an informational meeting at 5:42 pm.

2. Discuss Designs for Hudson-to-Hoyt Streetscape Extension Project.

G. Bakos gave a preliminary overhead projected overview presentation of the Hudson St. to Hoyt St. continuation of the Streetscape project. L. Scangas questioned the landscaping options in the bump outs. Project will be approximately 2 months and will not start until September at the earliest if the project is let out to bid this fall. VTrans is reviewing the plans currently.

3. Discuss City sign rule issue for Board input.

C. Sawyer presented overhead projected presentation of the UPS stores illuminated signs. Current rules in the DR1 prevent this type of illuminated signs. Brief discussion regarding different scenarios and other businesses lighting in the DR1. There was general agreement that the current zoning rules met the aesthetic needs for Downtown by prohibiting interior illuminated lights.

4. Review June 5th Downtown Network Meeting. C. Sawyer stated that there were

approximately 15 other downtowns represented, plus other entities. Everyone was very impressed with St. Albans Downtown improvements. Those present representing other communities were pleased and amazed with the Downtown transformation.

5. Project Updates

a. Streetscape Projects - Traffic signs to go up, replacement of 8 trees that did not do well over the winter (1 year warranty on replaced trees), the hanging baskets have been replaced. L. Scangas discussed the constant beep of the pedestrian crossings. C. Sawyer said there is a way to change the beep alert and he would look into the options.

b. Core Lot Development - M. Manahan, on schedule, North end of the garage is up. They are working on the elevator shaft and Logo. 100 panels have been delivered, site work is continuing. State Bldg. is on target, brick work was started two weeks ago. Windows are installed with the exception of those around the bridge.

c. The City has released an RFP for a hotel or similar development concept at 43 Lake Street..

6. Committee Updates

a. Design - No report

b. Economic Restructuring - No report

c. Organization - No report

d. Promotion - No report

e. Arts - No report

7. Approval of Minutes - D&V - no action due to lack of quorum.

8. Other Business - No other business

9. Public Comment - No public comment

10. Meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Morrill
Minute Taker