

Connect Communities /Cable Today Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2023

In Attendance: Sue Thurn, Mick Endersbe, Elaine Adams, Tony Merrill, Elizabeth Holland, Suzanne Rooney. Absent: Deb Nelson, Trudy Rebsamen, Linda Podvin, David Popelka, Bobbi McCauley, Bob Hildreth.

Purpose: Project updates

Project: Bags

Responsible: Elizabeth

Update: Bags being shipped to the Chamber

Project: Signs

Responsible: Mick

Update: Mick agreed to take on the finalization of the “Welcome to Cable” sign project. We are not budgeted for this as it was a request from the Town. Gruel or the right of way near Gruel will be the southern boundary, west boundary is secured, and the northern boundary is secured by Sue on Blue Moon Road and Highway 63. Information is urgently needed from **Trudy**, and **Linda** for Mick to present to the Plan Commission at the **8/1** meeting. Pieces needed are: Base, stamping, Trees and sandblasting, mounting of trees, and attaching of trees. No decision on “thanks for visiting Cable” signage on the back of the signs. DOT and Bayfield County regulations and application were presented by Mick. Mick will complete the necessary forms. Depending on whether we are using the right of way (DOT) or County land, the rules vary and the application goes through the designated party. Mick advised Mike will work the cement and can stain and texturize for us. We must build the forms. We will need a signature from a town employee and a point of contact for DOT. We are estimating \$30,000 for the project but will seek approval without funding. The application will remain in effect and give us time to find volunteers and funding once approved by first the Plan Commission and then Town Board. Mick estimates \$1,000 for base and we need to finalize where we would like the sign to be on the south end. **Linda**, does Luke have the sign information?

Project: Cable Forward

Responsible: Linda (Mick recapped Town Board meeting)

Update: Luke and Linda presented at the Town Board Work Meeting on July 12th. Linda and Luke will contact Bayfield County regarding possible funding. Cable Forward is on the Plan Commission agenda for August 1st for update and

forwarding to the Town Board. Tony Merrill commented that he likes the look of the plan but has some concerns regarding safety with the bike lane and parking. Winter snow removal process with the bump outs is also a concern.

Project: Town Park between Portage, Rivers, and Tilly's Pies

Responsible: Linda and Mick

Update: Reviewed original plan documents, location of sanitary district access, snow removal area, biking, ATV, and snowmobile usage. Mick discussed with John Higgins who is currently maintaining the area. Trucks grind up the grass area. If trees and benches are placed, how will various users access the area? Is this area a duplication with the possible use of the school property for a gathering site? Still need a process for event approval through the Town of Cable. Access is confusing with people using the green space along with bikers. Need more discussion.

Project: Cable Walking Map

Responsible: Elaine Adams

Update: 2,000 maps are being printed for \$751. Deb and Elaine will distribute when ready. Need a larger version posted for people to access while downtown, perhaps at the Chamber?

Miscellaneous Topics:(1): Suzanne requested group input on the isolation issue for Cable residents. The group okayed beginning a process. Elizabeth agreed to participate in gathering information on the various groups as a first step. Suzanne will contact the Legion and Lions. Deb can help identify the various organizations. (2) In reviewing the budget, Sue asked about redeploying the \$2,000 for grants to Luke for possible inclusion of the adjoining Kavanaugh segments north and south of "M" for a total downtown plan. The group wanted to wait til next meeting to decide so that we could get more input from the larger Cable Today group. (3) Sue suggested next year we include \$2,000 for fund raising vs grant writing as we now have grant writers on the Town Board. (4) Mick suggested recording the Town Board meetings on Zoom in order to increase transparency and timeliness of information to those interested. He would work further on this project if there is sufficient interest.

Next meeting 8/1, Tuesday, 4-5, Cable Community Centre prior to Plan Commission at 5:30.