

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
RIVERWALK WORKING GROUP MEETING**

Minutes of July 10, 2024

Full meeting recording is available at

<https://youtu.be/MABwAtHoDx0>

I. ROLL CALL

- a. Charlie Morse, Merry Shernock, Kaitlyn Keating, Tom Davis, Tim Swartz, Bill Clements, Carl Pinkham (in person). Mary Nadon Scott, Natalie Kozlowski, and one other unidentified participant online.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SCHEDULED): None

III. DISCUSSION

- a. Project Planning

Purpose: Discuss the development of a waterfront trail and allocation of \$50,000

- \$50,000 awarded by ARPA for the river project.
- Potential additional \$50,000 from T-Mobile grant (Section D specified for T-Mobile grant).
- Four phases of the project were identified: A, B, C, and D.
- Each phase requires \$50,000.
- Phase D is town property and does not need additional permissions.
- If T-Mobile grant is not received, the plan is to use \$50,000 ARPA money for Phase A.

Next Steps and Responsibilities

- Obtain permission from relevant property owners for other segments.
- Jeff McMahon to handle Act 250 permit renewals if required.

- Timber and Stone to be approached for planning both areas.
- Mary Nadon Scott is to be involved in resident meetings and discussions with Vermont State Housing Authority.
- Carl to follow up on Cross Brothers Dam project timeline.

Community Involvement

- Ensure resident meetings to gauge support, especially Vermont State Housing Authority residents.
- Propose landscaping and fencing to address concerns about vandalism and privacy.
- Engage Chief of Police to discuss safety and community concerns.

Miscellaneous

- Consider future funding opportunities such as VOREC
- Explore ways to integrate new pedestrian walkway with the waterfront park development.
- Discussed potential long-term improvements like additional crossings and traffic calming measures.
- Noted that this project is the work of multiple groups, with NCDN stepping up in a highly supportive role to bring it to fruition.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (UNSCHEDULED) - None

V. ADJOURNMENT

The group adjourned at 7:21 pm.