Welcome: Randy Therrien

Treasurer’s Report: Charlotte Davis
 -Donations received totaled $2,667
 -Grant from Bangor Savings bank, $1,000

Randy – Presented Certificate from Lisa Kiem and Senate to congratulate EnvisionRumford on Non-Profit Organization of the Year, 2017. Followed with a great letter reviewing the goals and steps taken by EnvisionRumford to earn this sentiment.
 -Randy suggests to display in a frame at Town Hall. Bernie makes motion, all group in favor.

        Bandstand/Gazeebo in Veteran’s Park

        Construction -  timeline and who will be involved in construction – Bernie Pare
 -Beginning this Saturday Morning with other contractor David Brown. Goal is to work on weekends and hope to finish by June 30th.

        Materials purchase - Bernie Pare
 -Did not receive quote back yet from Puiaa Lumber as of yet.

-Len asks his project involvement with the bandstand celebration, showing his idea for memorials. Involving legislative and senators when project is released.

        Downtown Construction and Roof Drains – L.J. Briggs (?)
 -LJ – Disappointed to push back project, but in time allows for more involvement, planning, and funds to be raised.
 -Thanks Len for idea to try to get funds through State of Maine, Waste water/sewage Grant(?) Got application in for state grant, with funds come principal forgiveness.
 -Contractor hoping to work with has hopes to finish in one year. Concerns to keep businesses and residents accessible. Sargent could be the construction company.
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        EnvisionRumford Social Media sites/pages  - Kris Howes
 -Since relaunch last week, we’ve had 265 Page views, from 107 visitors.

         Discus intended Content and Management of Social Media outlet(s)

        Need to identify information and communication channels to be used consistently to support our mission

        Profiles for ER members and member businesses;

        Who is a “member”?

        What needs to be provided?

        Other uses?  - Fundraising? Special projects?

-Kris told about idea for bulletin board in Lennox parking lot

-Charlotte suggest a spot at the information booth.

        Bangor Saving Bank Grant Update – **We got the $$$!!**

        New Business Updates

* New Businesses or Initiatives – Jim Rinaldo

        Upcoming events:

 -Downtown spruce up
 -Suggested to put out trash cans, planters, benches, etc.
 -Discussion on planters, and that no one really involves themselves and waters or takes care of them. Was brought up that it’s a waste of funds.
 -Suggested to get support from Parks Department.
 -Sandee and Hope Association crew donated time last year on planters, Hope approached her looking for work and where to donate. Maybe we can ask them for participation.

-Pumpkinfest tentative date is Saturday, October 14th.
-Kris will meet with LJ about planning downtown. It is a possibility, but changes will have to be made after internal complaints about town involvement, meaning police officers time, street cleanups, etc.

-Jim Rinaldo – Canoe/Kayak River Run, Tentative date set for Saturday, Sept 23rd

         New Business/Suggestions

-LJ informed group about herself and speakers at Rumford Hospital. Poland Spring involvement and how it can help out the community, with funds donated to town as well.

o   projects and initiatives – What is scheduled?

o   What should we consider adding?

        2017 Membership Drive

 -New members arrived today, good see new faces at meetings.
 -Christy: came to check out meeting, and wishes to better the area with parks and ideas for kids in community. LJ suggested to meet with Parks Department about a new park and a grant to fund it.
 -Maureen from Rumford ahead: updates us on walking trail, Brookfield has safety issues, sit down meeting will have to take place. Several areas to go to for funds and supports. Hope Association wrote great letters of support.
 -Alley Burke: RVHCC representative, wishes to join meetings. New changes are coming to rvhcc, and hope to be more active and supportive in community.