

**BORDERLANDS
VILLAGE INNOVATION
PILOT TEAM MEETING**

**Killingly Public Library, Community Room
Westcott Road
January 22, 2009, 7:00 PM**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Dale Desmarais, Co-Chair, Virge Lorents, Ed Eramian (7:28 PM), John Lambert, Michael Green, Donna Bronwell, Anthony Simpson

Staff Present: Sue Westa, Elsie Bisset and Linda Walden.

Others present: Keith Thurlow, UConn Professor Kristin Schwab, UConn landscape architecture students David, Rory, Dan and Jim, and two members of the general public

Co-chair Janice Thurlow was absent with notification.

Co-chair Dale Desmarais called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Upon a motion by Virge Lorents, seconded by Donna Bronwell, the October and November minutes were unanimously accepted as written.

Landscape Architecture Presentation:

Sue Westa introduced UConn Landscape Architecture Professor Kristin Schwab and four of her students, David, Rory, Dan and Jim. Professor Schwab summarized the students' participation in the October Visioning workshop and their December 5, 2008 project presentations at UConn that several committee members were able to attend. The students here this evening have continued work on their projects during the intersession and will summarize the findings of each of the larger groups of students. A PowerPoint presentation was given that included the findings and design options the student groups proposed for the areas of Dayville center (near the Prym mill), Dayville Four Corners (Rt. 12/101 intersection), Killingly Center (Cook Hill/101 intersection/horse farm area) and East Killingly village.

Professor Schwab and her students were thanked for their presentation and efforts. An electronic and hard copy of the presentation will be provided to Sue Westa for the town once it is finalized. Keith Thurlow asked about traffic calming techniques and the open space concepts. There was also discussion on the railroad crossing, Walgreen's site, condition of Prym mill roof and Dayville Historic District. The students left the meeting.

There was general discussion on the feasibility of the ideas presented by the students versus financial reality. Dale Desmarais said there needs to be care in how the report is posted on the website and explained/presented to the public.

Other:

Sue Westa asked for members' comments on their reviews of Peter Flinker's and JKA's reports. Linda Walden made some comments and said she will provide them all to Sue Westa.

Sue Westa announced that the regional sharing event will be near the end of March – Sue Westa, Kevin Essington and Ariana McBride will lead it. Sterling Grange is a possible location. Sterling Fire Department Hall was also suggested.

Exeter will be holding a strategic planning session in February. It was agreed to use our next meeting on February 26 for the same purpose.

Linda Walden asked about funding. Sue Westa said some is coming from Northeast Utilities and Kevin Essington is working on some grant sources.

- **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 26th at the library at 7 PM.**

Adjournment - At 8:45 PM upon a motion by Virge Lorents, seconded by Ed Eramian
- Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Walden
Recording Clerk