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**MINUTES OF THE
DEPOT VILLAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DVAC)
REGULAR MEETING OF August 9, 2023
Salem Town Hall, 33 Geremonty Drive, Salem, NH Knightly Room**

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PRESENT: Roy Sorenson (Municipal Services Director) Joe Devine (Assistant Town Manager) Katie Duffey (Community Services Director left at 4:00) Joe Sweeney (Town Council Representative arrived at 3:28)

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Also Present: John Klipfel (Deputy Director, Engineering) Jim Koczat, Pat Good (Recreation Advisory Committee) Larry Belair and Dave Topham (Friends of the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor) John Vogl (GIS Manager) Crayton Brubaker (Community Development, Program Manager) Mark Gross (Rockingham Park Legacy Group)

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ABSENT: Steve Goddu (Budget Committee Representative) Bob Bryant (TC Representative) Howie Glynn (Historic District Commission) Cindi Woodbury (Chamber)

CALL TO ORDER: Member Sorenson called the meeting to order at 3:03

Motion by: Member Belair to approve meeting minutes from June 14, second by Member Topham

Member Sorenson – Yes

Member Devine - Yes

Member Belair – Yes

The motion passed 3-0-0

Rockingham Park Legacy Group: Mark Gross said they are trying to see how they can preserve Rockingham Park, Joe (Faro) put a tribute to Rockingham Park group together that has about 30 members, they have filed the paperwork to make this a non-profit. This will be used as a starting point to promote Rockingham Park history throughout the town. A replica of the original sign will be at the entrance to the park, and there will be plaques showing the history. Mark talked about different programs the group has discussed (selling bricks, and painted horses) but they are still working through the details.

Master Plan Discussion and Ideas/Projects for Depot Village: Member Sorenson went through past discussions and showed the Shelby Rail Trail document that was distributed. Member Belair went through his talking points from the TC meeting and said this needs to be planned right from the beginning, with a professional plan, and he asked for money to be budgeted toward this project. He thinks the money from the Depot Trust Fund should be used to fund this project. Member Sorenson said he can examine the funding. The group talked about a mixed-use park, the need to make sure that whatever they decide on is getting used. Member Belair said we need someone to come in and weave the ideas together to see what works, and what fits. Mark suggested isolating the yellow parcels for zoning restriction in case someone comes in to purchase the property. Member Sorenson said the easiest solution is to purchase the most expensive properties in yellow. Discussion about Daisy's Cleaning and what to do with that property. Member Sorenson said you can do anything in yellow with a temporary use permit.

Plan NH Discussion: A Plan NH charrette brings together professionals to brainstorm recommendations to address challenges a community faces. Over a two-year period, the team visits the target area, talks with the community leaders and members, and develop recommendations based on what they have seen and heard, and on their own professional knowledge of ideas and trends that could contribute to

45 the community. The cost is \$6500. The disadvantage of this is the master plan is determined that
46 weekend, rather than a back and forth. Member Belair said the success of what we get out of this is
47 what we would give them in advance.

49 **Next Steps:** Member Sorenson said he will send a list of ideas to date, and to be prepared to
50 discuss/fight for those ideas. Member Koczat asked if a workout plan was put together, Member Devine
51 said someone reached out to Katie about 10 months ago.

52 **Next Meeting:** 9/27

55 **Motion by:** Member Devine to adjourn, second by Sweeney

56 **Member Sorenson – Yes**

57 **Member Devine – Yes**

58 **Member Sweeney – Yes**

59 **Member Belair - Yes**

60 **The motion passed 3-0-0**

62 Notes/minutes taken by: Kim Babaian

63 Approved: DVAC Committee

64 Date: September, 27, 2023