

Portsmouth Citizen's Response Task Force

Bridge Street Subcommittee Meeting

September 30, 2020

Present:

Russ Grazier, subcommittee chair and task force member

Deb Anthony, task Force member

Ben Van Camp, Chamber Collaborative of Greater Portsmouth

Peter Rice, City of Portsmouth Director of Public Works

Joseph Almeida, City of Portsmouth Facilities Manager

Stephanie Seacord, City of Portsmouth Public Information Officer

Andrew Bagley, Secretary of Pop Up Portsmouth

North Sturtevant, JSA, Pop Up Portsmouth Board member

Tristin Law, Pop Up NH

Robert Marsillia, City of Portsmouth

Patrick Howe, City of Portsmouth

Laura Brown, Pop Up NH Board Member

These notes are general in nature and are intended to document topics discussed and are not minutes.

Updates of current:

Pop Up NH is considering closing date Tristan discussed closing prior to Nov 1. The Pop-Up NH team will have a date firm by next meeting. Laura Brown offered that Pop-Up NH will submit a press release once the date is determined.

Considering Oct 18 as last day which would allow time to break down the lot and open (at least part of the lot sooner for parking).

Closing of the Lot: The City offered to assist and work with Pop Up NH in the breakdown of the lot. Peter offered the City would actively engage in assisting Pop Up NH to clean out the space.

Laura asked Peter once the Stage and fencing down could the parking lot be reopened? Peter suggested that the City will assist in getting this done and reopening the lot.

Sheds: North explained that moving the sheds will be costly and require planning. Only two sheds at a time can be moved on a low boy hauler. Still looking for a space to store the sheds. North noted that to store them safely they need space and shrink wrap to protect from weather, animals, and possible intruders.

Lot Clean up: Laura asked about the clean up of the lot when closed on November 1. Questioning who is responsible for what? For example, do they wrap up all the fencing...where will it go?

Recap of Season: Tristan noted that it was a very positive experience and overall a good season at the Bridge Street Lot. Committee members agreed that the season was a successful collaborative effort. The economic return according to Andrew for the community was more than \$250,000. Russ noted that it will be beneficial in the wrap up of the Bridge Street Project to clearly identify the economic impact of this endeavor.