Town of Farmington Quality of Life Subcommittee

October 11, 2018

<u>Present</u> <u>Staff</u>

Bruce Charette Kathy Eagen
Ruth Grobe Bill Warner
Betty Coykendall Rose Ponte

Ann Mullen Diane Tucker Kathy Lindroth Nancy Nickerson

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

B. Reading of the Minutes

A motion to approve the attached September 17, 2018 was made and seconded by (Coykendall/Grobe)

1. Motion carried

C. New Business

1) To review the Farmington Country Club entrance

Russ Arnold presented the DOT's plan to change the Country Club of Farmington's entrance and exit. The new changes will allow for safer entrances into the Club. The DOT is expected to complete these changes by fall 2018. Mr. Arnold reviewed the changes with the Club manager; the manger agreed with the proposed changes.

2) To discuss the next steps/goals

a. To review and in general prioritize the ideas contain in the brainstorming matrix Bill Warner reviewed each of the attached matrix categories. Members of the committee and community members in attendance discussed and prioritized each section. The completed matrix will be presented to the Farmington Village Center Committee and will be attached to the landscape architect RFQ.

b. To review the draft RFQ for landscape architect services.

The RFQ was reviewed and Ruth Grobe and Ann Mullen suggested adding the following language to the qualifications section: That the individual or firm shall have demonstrated experience with similar period appropriate streetscape design within the past 5 years and familiarity with Universal Design Principals. The committee agreed with the suggestion and they will be added to the RFQ.

D. Public Comment

Throughout the meeting residents in attendance and committee members exchanged ideas.

In general, discussions centered on the following:

- Adding streetscape improvements and amenities that are tied to and reflective of Farmington's history and brand. Some examples included gas lights, flower boxes; historical tree lined streets, and tree lawns.
- Repairing sidewalks are a high safety priority
- The need to think outside the box, of being creative in our approach. We should not aim to look like every other town or suburb
- The importance of decreasing our reliance on vehicle traffic to assist with limited parking availability. Trolleys, vintage bike racks, and new sidewalks would all help and also enhance the Village's sense of place.

E. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.