

**Community Connectivity Grant Committee (CCGC)
Special In-Person Meeting, Unapproved Minutes
Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall – Meeting Hall
Monday, May 15, 2023, 4:00 pm**

- **Welcome** – Attendees included CCGC members Erik Olsen, Jim Lampos, and Mary Jo Nosal. Missing were Frank Pappalardo, Bonnie Reemsnyder, and Tim Griswold-ex officio. Rob Newton from BSC Group was also notified of the meeting.
- **Public Comment** – no public was present.
- **Updates From the CCGC** – Jim shared that he intends to write a summary of the Solstice Rock for the town report. Mary Jo noted that Jim was instrumental in working with resident Mr. Jason Jacaruso, who donated the beautiful rock, in getting the rock placed at the transit center. Mary Jo noted that she has had no project budget update from the town, however she knew the project came under budget. She had received a note some time ago from Tim stating that he and Rob Newton had agreed to a \$1000 final fee for BSC to complete any loose ends. She must assume that the excess grant had been sent back to the State. Additionally, the State had requested a copy of one of the project initiation agreements and that was provided.
- **Discuss Contractor Bond-Retainage Release - Motion** was made by Mary Jo that the CCGC recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Town release any bond and retainage to the project contractor, Martin-Laviero. It was seconded by Jim Lampos. Discussion included that all looks good, and the trees survived. The motion passed unanimously with Mary Jo, Erik and Jim voting in favor, there were no nays, or abstentions.
- **Approve meeting minutes of Aug. 15, 2022** – **Motion** to approve the unapproved minutes of the last formal meeting of 8/15/2022, was made by Mary Jo, and seconded by Erik. Discussion: Mary Jo noted that under attendees, Jim Lampos' name should be added as he was present. With that addition to the motion, the motion passed with Mary Jo, Erik and Jim voting in favor, there were no nays, or abstentions.
- **Project Finale** – The CCGC discussed that they felt the project was successful and that the committee had met their charge. **Motion** was made by Mary Jo that the CCGC has completed their charge and will no longer meet. Discussion- Mary Jo thanked the CCGC for all their work and for hanging in there. The CCGC held together despite COVID, changes in various personnel, and were ahead of schedule until COVID. She appreciated the members' thoughtful and helpful discussions. Jim appreciated Mary Jo's efforts including watering the grass. He noted that people are now enjoying the sidewalk, he noted that residents are jogging on the sidewalks and using the improvements. Erik appreciated Mary Jo's efforts in communication over these four years. All agreed that most people like the project. Mary Jo said she feels proud driving through the area. Erik and Jim noted that the bus is using the transit center and that it is an improvement for the future. The pending bike lane will be important and can be supported with the bike repair center. Mary Jo noted that Frank cc'd her on a note to the Selectmen that the State was going to pave 156 and he hoped that someone would remind the DOT of the previous project agreements for the lane stripping. Martha Shoemaker had responded that she was going to reach out to a

community member who works with the DOT. The motion passed with Mary Jo, Erik, and Jim voting in favor, there were no nays, or abstentions.

- **Adjourn** – A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Erik and seconded by Jim. There was no discussion. The motion passed with Mary Jo, Erik and Jim voting in favor, there were no nays, or abstentions.

Unapproved minutes submitted on 5-17-23 and edited on 5-17-23 by Mary Jo Nosal