



## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **Board of Trustees Meeting with Dr. Elaine Collins, President of Johnson State College**

**Date:** April 18, 2017

**Location:** Johnson State College – Dewey Hall Room 1867

**Present:** Gordon Smith, Board Chair; Bob Sweetser, Trustee; Dave Goddette, Trustee; Dr. Elaine Collins, JSC President; Sharron Scott, JSC Dean of Administration; Meredith Birkett, Village Manager

The meeting opened at 6:05 PM.

There were no proposed changes to the agenda and no public comments.

Meredith gave a brief overview of the Village's marketing plans, including community branding efforts in conjunction with the Town, development of a Village social media policy/plan, and ideas to better link JSC to the Village. Dr. Collins shared her interest in regional marketing and finding creative ways for the college and Village/Town to work together. Specific ideas for upcoming collaboration include a Main Street event in the fall (perhaps related to this year's Homecoming event with Walter Mosely) and JSC flags/memorabilia for Village businesses.

Dave and Meredith provided a short explanation of the Railroad Street Area Wide Plan and its goals for Railroad Street revitalization. Meredith noted that the project Steering Committee hopes to add a representative from JSC and most immediately, the project consultant hopes to interview someone as JSC as part of the market analysis currently underway.

Meredith shared some of the infrastructure projects the Village has planned for 2017, including the Municipal Building repairs, Route 15 sewer extension, Pearl Street temporary sidewalk, 100C twin bridges line relocation, electric system study, and water meter replacement (including JSC's meter). Sharron Scott noted that with summer programs at the college, it would be helpful to minimize Route 15 traffic disruption (from the sewer project) on Thursdays and Fridays for the four weeks following graduation. Sharron Scott shared an update on several college infrastructure projects planned for the summer; sprinklers at Governors Hall, replacement of sidewalks on campus (with asphalt), and fixing two known college water system leaks. Regarding the Verizon Wireless antenna proposed for installation on campus, Sharron expressed general support for the improved mobile service in Johnson, but noted that the college wishes to have the wireless facility separately metered so the college can accurately recover electric costs. Dr. Collins and Sharron expressed interest in rapid flash beacons for the Main Street pedestrian crossings. Sharron also noted that the intersection of College Hill Road and School Street is quite narrow since the School Street project was completed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.