**MACC Draft Minutes**

**River Arts, September 29, 2020**

Present: Mary Lou Nichols, Nan Carle Beauregard, Brian Yeaton, Paul Trudell, Jasmine Farrell, Tricia Follert

**Old Business:**

* Chair auction cleared about $2,000, 25 chairs, tables, etc. are enough each year, sold 12 signs.
* Ask each artist to send of picture with their chair, a title and a story if they wish it to be told.
* Keep a mix of Adirondack, camp, table and double chairs
* Have online bidding before so those that cannot make the auction have a chance to bid.
* Chairs available to artists the end of Feb/early March and need to be returned to the town by May 15th, make a hard cut-off date.

New Business:

* Morristown Development Fund is putting up $50,000 towards grants to go to local businesses for Covid19 relief grants. Morristown Selectboard needs to approve the money next Monday. There will be a 3 person selection community to approve the applications and award the grants.
* Morristown is applying for Designated Downtown status with the State of Vermont, we need to have a non profit organization (MACC).
* MACC has started working on the application and the mapping necessary, there is 25 more businesses in the downtown since we started the application in 2016. Paul stated that if we get the designated downtown approved by the State of Vermont it will rocket us up into the 2021 century. Tricia will send out the last strategic plan from 2016.
* Murals: Louie Ferris turned down the idea of a mural on the Walgreens building, Brian suggested we continue the conversation with the Nepveu’s.
* David from Union Banks would likely pay for another mural along the rail trail.
* Everyone take a look at the old McMahon lot at the corner of Brooklyn Street and Rt. 15 and come back with ideas as to what we would like to see in this location.
* A tree will be planted in honor of Heather Sargent at the corner of Richmond and Rte. 15 for all her service to the community. She was such an asset getting MACC started, the black light poles down Copley Ave and Portland Street and so much more in our community.

Concerns:

1. Wreaths and garlands in the downtown
2. Festival of Lights, Dec. 5, 2020, Fireworks to happen and River Arts to host a limited craft fair.