**TOWN GREEN AD HOC COMMITTEE**

*Approved Meeting Minutes from 9-29-20*

**Members Present:**  John Farnsworth, Carol Jackson, Heather Lennon, Joe Mule, Al/Liz Narbonne

**Members Absent:**  None

Chairperson Lennon opened the meeting, conducted via ZOOM, at 7:07 pm.

She reminded members that the charge presently under consideration here is limited to signage on the Town Green. Such things as declaring the Town Green an “open space” and/or removing structures would be the charge for another committee or future assignment of the present committee.

The first sentence of the ***written charge*** provided by Select Board (SB) Chairman Jay Moody and previously sent to committee members was read. Special attention was paid to the wording ***“if anything***” (referring to signage). Chairperson Lennon stopped and asked for a vote. How many committee members actually want ***no signage?*** The members were ***unanimously not in favor*** of signage on the Town Green. Reasons largely had to do with the cluttered and unsightly appearance of the municipal center that has increased over the past several years.

Discussion followed with participation by all. In the end, the consensus of the group was that the pertinent by-laws (previously distributed to all by Carol Jackson) were generally not being heeded or enforced. There were also questions raised about who the authorizing authorities and/or enforcers were? Building Inspector? Appeals Board? Town Administrator? Board of Selectmen? Further, is there any record of fines ever having been collected for violation of the by-laws?

Before the meeting concluded, members agreed to each write positive and persuasive statements/rationales for keeping the Town Green free of signage and to write any recommendations thought to be helpful moving forward. These would then be shared with fellow members at the next meeting, critically discussed, edited, and merged into a more comprehensive document to be presented to Mr. Moody.

For more background on the history of the Town Green, the Chairperson Lennon said she would send a copy of an article published in the Clinton ITEM in October, 2018.

The next scheduled meeting via ZOOM will take place on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

John Farnsworth made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Carol Jackson. Vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Heather Lennon, Recorder for the Meeting