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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
October 19, 2017 at noon  
Springfield Co-op Conference Room

1) **Call to Order** – at 12:10 pm by President Tom Hernon

**In attendance:**

Bonny Andrews, Buddy Dexter, Carol Eramo, Dan Gurney, Carolyn Lane, Sandy MacGillivray, Selectman Walter Martone, Diane Parker, Mary Perry, Nicole Picard, Executive Director Stephen Plunkard, Jason Rasmussen of SWCRPC, Alan Woodbury, and Town Manager Tom Yennerell.

2) **Announcements and Reminders:**

- a. Membership is up to almost \$8,000.
- b. Reminder of our auction, Up-Scale Springfield! Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 p.m. at the Hartness House
- c. Special Board meeting Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at noon at Claremont Savings Bank
- d. November Board meeting Thursday, November 9 at noon at Claremont Savings Bank. Let Nicole Picard know if you would like pizza at about \$6.
- e. December Board meeting Thursday, December 14 at noon at Claremont Savings Bank.

3) The meeting was turned over to Gary Holloway, coordinator of the Main Street Programs in Vermont.

Gary described the Downtown Designation Program and the benefits being a member can bring to the town such as tax credits, technical assistance, volunteer recruitment, priority for state grants, funding directory, etc. Tax credits lead to revitalization as they stimulate downtown investments for income-producing properties. They reduce income tax liability for façade repairs, code improvements such as elevators and sprinklers, technical improvements, and rehab with approved federal application. The downtown transportation fund is another source of financial help with a 50% match. Gary encouraged us to continue with small incremental changes leading to a “Big One.”

Annual Downtown Retreat is held at Grand Isle Lake House (October 11 and 12 this year), Annual Downtown Historic Preservation Conference, and Downtown Day at the State House are activities we are encouraged to attend.

4) Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. so that members could talk with Gary individually.

Sandy MacGillivray