

**WALK ! BIKE! BROCKPORT
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015**

Attendees:

Alicia Fink, Scott Meyers, Richard and Joan Fenton, Merrill Melnick, Bill Andrews, Ray Duncan

This meeting in the dog days of August was short but spirited. Following is what we decided:

RAILROAD BRIDGE CLEAN UP PROJECT

Scott Meyers, our Intern from the SUNY-College at Brockport's Political Science Department, will arrange for members of his fraternity [Pi Kappa Phi; a Service and Social fraternity] to clean up the brush and debris on the south side of the Railroad Bridge on Main Street. This is preparation for our planned new gateway on the bridge itself. The event will take place early in the Fall Semester.

Harry Donahue, Village of Brockport's Superintendent of Public Works, will provide a truck and tools to complete this project.

HOW TO FINANCE THE NEW RAILROAD BRIDGE GATEWAY PROJECT

This key subject generated intense and creative discussion. As a consequence, we developed a multi-track approach to fund raising:

1. We have written the television comedian, John Oliver [seen often on the Daily Show] for help in financing our new railroad bridge gateway project. Oliver did a faux televangelist skit, which surprisingly raised thousands of dollars. Our letter to Mr. Oliver suggested that if he would send us a minimum of \$15,000 ducats he might not have need of, we could use them to finance our gateway project. In return, we promised Mr. Oliver that his portrait would appear on our bridge with the words: "John Oliver Welcomes You." In addition he would be offered the opportunity to dine at one of our WBB members' home [probably the Fentons], be welcomed by thousands of raving student fans from SUNY-College at Brockport and receive a priceless key to the Village of Brockport. Keep your fingers crossed.
2. With Scott Meyer's help, we now have a "GO FUND ME" web site where folks from the around the world can donate to our project. We're hoping Warren Buffet, Bill Gates or some other multimillionaire will take an interest and empty his pockets of spare change. You, too, can donate if you so choose!

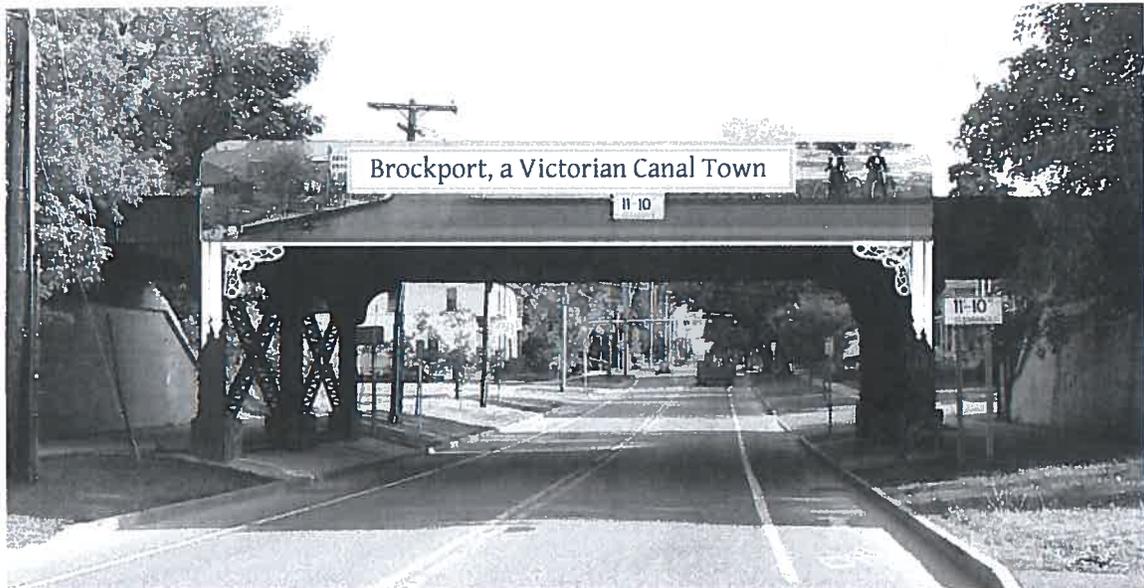
3. Mayor Margay Blackman is working with our grant writer to pursue the grant avenue of fund-raising.

OLD BUSINESS

Just for the record, at our July meeting we did a de-briefing of our July greeting of the 400 bikers doing the Buffalo to Albany bicycle ride on the Erie Canal Trail. In brief, our WBB membership turnout was spectacular. Many of our members participated, and we all had a great time. In addition:

1. The postcards were a dramatic success! The postcard table buzzed with excitement. Next year we will want to have **paper towels available** to assure dry, perspiration-free hands doing the writing.
2. It would be great to have a glassed-in map of Main Street so bicyclists could see where our merchants are located. Holley has such a map where boaters tie up—very helpful. Who would make this map? Pay for it? Any ideas?
3. Should we try to have watermelon next year?
4. Would it be useful for our eating establishments to offer a “Bikers Special” on the day of the bike ride? If you have other ideas, feel free to submit them!

Here is an image of our Railroad Bridge Gateway Project



Respectfully submitted by:
Raymond Duncan
Your Ever-Humble Servant