

**TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Town Hall- 16 School Street  
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275  
January 26, 2022**

**Call to Order**

The Allenstown Economic Development Committee Meeting of January 26, 2022 was called to order by Chairman Mike Frascinella.

Chair Frascinella called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Present on the Board: Chair Frascinella, Ron Adinolfo, Scott McDonald, Rich Caruso (via Zoom), Jeffrey Venegas

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Ice Rink:**

Mr. Adinolfo said he has been spending a lot of time on the rink with the Town crew who has been tremendous with helping out. He said once the article came out in Neighborhood News, attendance increased. He said the Pastor at St. Jean's put a bulletin out to come skating with him on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Adinolfo said there have been kids there every night and they scrape it after they are done playing.

He said it has been a learning process, and there will be a few more things that they need to keep it going but in the next couple of years it will really take off.

Mr. Adinolfo said the tractor they are using to clear the ice works great and they received 19 pairs of skates from the Hooksett rotary club.

He said if they purchase the parcel that belongs to ARD after the school moves, they could create a permanent summer winter recreation spot. Mr. Adinolfo said he and his wife just went through the donated skates this weekend and sanitized them but they have not rented them out yet. He said that they need to put the sizes up on the website.

Mr. Adinolfo said they will have the biggest influx of people on the weekends. He said they have some ideas for a warming hut in the future. The previous warming hut was heated by oil furnace and had benches, a boot check, and a canteen.

The Board discussed availability for volunteers to rent the skates to the public.

Mr. Adinolfo said the signs are being made at the State prison.

- **Historic Site Markers:**

Mr. Frascinella was able to pick up some samples from the State Prison workshop and he said it is a 9x12 plaque for each historic site. The Board agreed that they liked the green sign.

Mr. Frascinella created some samples of wording for the sign. He said there was discussion of a vinyl material that goes over the sign. Mr. Venegas said that they could put a QR code on the sign.

Mr. Frascinella said that the wording will be laser engraved. He said the price would vary depending on what backing board they would use. The Board had previously discussed mounting the sign at an angle and placing the QR code on the post.

Mr. Venegas asked how many signs in total. Chair Frascinella said 16. He said they need to go to the home owners and get permission to put the signs near their property. Mr. Venegas said they could have a meeting at the Library.

Mr. Adinolfo said the convent will be torn down in the spring because it has been condemned.

- **Commercial Properties Work Session:**

Chair Frascinella said it looks like the additional storage units on the upper end of Route 28 are almost completed. He said that was off to a slow start as the Planning Board approved it almost a year ago and they are beginning to look for tenants.

He said it appears as though all of the windows were installed at Hillsborough Village, and several people were invited to tour China Mill recently. Mr. McDonald said they were on schedule.

Chair McDonald said that Allenstown Aggregate has already started construction on the commercial building they want to build and they plan on building their own septic system. He said they will have 6 units are limiting their clientele and it will be making use of commercial property.

Mr. Adinolfo said they started mining on the hill near Plourde Sand and Gravel. He said they may want to check on property on Chester Turnpike owned by Charlie Currier to see what the status is there.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **2022 EDC project list and budget:**

Chair Frascinella said the Hometown Hero Banners, Welcome Banners and flags will be done by the Highway Department in May. He said they may have one or two more banners in the works. He said he will obtain permission to install them from Eversource in March.

Chair Frascinella said he met with Dusty Gray and he said he would be glad to do a concert for them. He said they also contacted another musician who plays mostly folk music and wondered whether people would want something more upbeat.

Chair Frascinella said that he was contacted by Catfish Howl who played Cajun music in Allenstown 3 years ago. He said they potentially could have them back. As for dates, he said the first one last year had the largest turnout with the corn hole tournament. Mr. Venegas said having corn hole was a lot of work but it is doable and they learned some lessons from the last one.

Chair Frascinella said he was looking to see if they could get a food truck to boost attendance. He said he spoke to someone who has his own truck out of Deerfield.

He said a concert mid to late May might be good and maybe second week of June and end of August for the 3<sup>rd</sup> one.

There was discussion as to whether Old Homes Day was going to happen this year. Mr. Venegas said they could do their own Old Homes Day. Chair Frascinella said the last concert could be Old Allenstown Day concert.

Chair Frascinella proposed they have Dusty Gray, Nicole Knox Murphy and Catfish Howl. Mr. Venegas said getting the community involved such as getting the fire department come, or student council to do food.

Chair Frascinella said they could have the first concert May 15<sup>th</sup>, the second June 12<sup>th</sup> and the third on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> of August. Mr. Venegas said Allenstown could do its own parade if Old Homes Day does not occur.

Chair Frascinella asked if they could use the school if it were to rain on concert day.

He asked if they should just do one movie night in September. There was a discussion about various movies to watch. Chair Frascinella said they haven't yet had an electrician install an on and off switch for the street light.

With regard to the state park passes, Betsi Randlett said they only had 10 uses this past year. Chair Frascinella said he believed the part cost about \$105. Mr. Venegas said he is for it if everyone feels as though it's worth it, but they probably need to advertise it better.

The Board discussed having a QR code for what to do in town. Chair Frascinella said they could put the QR code on the website to generate more interest in town, including the free concerts, movie night, ice skating.

Chair Frascinella said he figured out dates for the Halloween contest and Christmas contest and they could probably use the Community Center for the awards ceremony. There was a discussion about having the Allentown Police Department could pick a winner or a committee award. Mr. Venegas said they could advertise in the newspaper.

Chair Frascinella put together a report of everything the Economic Development Committee did last year.

### **REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Caruso made a Motion to approve the minutes from January 5, 2021 as written. Mr. Adinolfo seconded the Motion.

Roll Call vote was taken.

Mike Frascinella- Aye  
Scott McDonald- Aye  
Ron Adinolfo- Aye  
Jeffrey Venegas- Abstain  
Rich Caruso- Aye  
The Motion passed.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Chair Frascinella said their next meeting is scheduled February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Adinolfo made a Motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Mr. Venegas seconded the Motion.

Roll Call vote was taken.

Mike Frascinella- Aye  
Scott McDonald- Aye  
Ron Adinolfo- Aye  
Jeffrey Venegas- Aye  
Rich Caruso- Aye  
The Motion passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 26, 2022

Michael Frascinella, Chairman



Date signed

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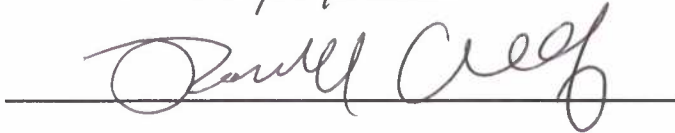
Chad Pelissier, Vice Chairman



Date signed

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Ron Adinolfo, Member



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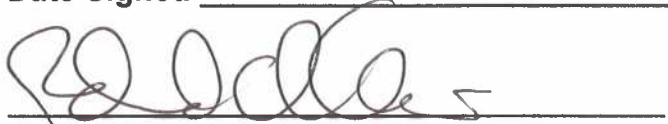
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Jeffrey Venegas, Member



Date Signed

Rich Caruso, Alternate Member



Date signed

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Scott McDonald, Selectman Rep.



Date signed