

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Town Hall 16 School Street**  
**Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275**  
**April 29, 2020**

The April 29, 2020 virtual meeting of the Economic Development Committee was called to order by Chairman Mike Frascinella at 6:42 pm. He called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Mike Frascinella, Chad Pelissier, Scott McDonald

As Chair of the Allenstown Economic Development Committee, I, Mike Frascinella, find that, due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means: We are utilizing a Conference Call line, and Zoom Video Conferencing. We will also be attempting to use Facebook Live as long as bandwidth allows, as a redundant video source for this electronic meeting. All members of the Economic Development Committee have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through one of these platforms, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Local Business Status During Virus Pandemic:** Review businesses still needing to be contacted

Chair Frascinella stated that he has compiled information about the status of several local businesses and has posted the information on the EDC website. He said he has not been able to reach Martels.

Mr. Pelissier said he would drive by there tomorrow (Thursday).

- **Allenstown Welcome Banners and Flags:** One dozen 3 X 5 feet U.S. flags could be purchased for installation on School Street and Main Street. See <https://allenstown-alt.org/edc/pole-banners/US-flags.htm> for vendor prices. Discuss implementing this as a town morale booster. Discuss whether to proceed with the purchase of nine or ten Welcome Banners. See <https://allenstown-alt.org/edc/pole-banners/pole-bannersvendors.htm> for vendors.

Chair Frascinella asked Committee members if they should still pursue the purchase of U.S. flags. This could be done around the end of May.

Mr. Pelissier responded yes. He said that June would be fine too. He said they could wait to have a better read on the back-to-work instructions.

Chair Frascinella said that Mr. Venegas had some concern about spending money during the pandemic when some families are struggling. Chair Frascinella said this could be a morale booster. It is something that has never before been done in Allenstown. He added that this is not political.

Mr. McDonald said this might go a long way toward making people feel normal again.

Chair Frascinella said he checked with Pembroke about flag vendors and learned that theirs were purchased from Flagworks in Concord. They are durable; the stars are embroidered and the stripes are stitched. They last about three years, from Pembroke's experience. Chair Frascinella said a Committee member brought up the idea of purchasing patriotic banners instead of flags. In checking on this, Chair Frascinella said he learned that the prices for the banners are much higher. For the flags, he said, Riley's Décor has the best price - from \$42 to \$53. It features a pole within a pole so that the flag unfurls itself. It has a stainless-steel band in addition to the bracket.

Mr. Pelissier made a motion to recommend the purchase of 12 U.S. flags for display on School Street and Main Street. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

Chad Pelissier – aye.

Scott McDonald – aye.

Mike Frascinella – aye.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Frascinella said he sent an application to Eversource for permission to display the flags on their poles, and he is hoping for a response within a week.

- **2020 Concerts:** Discuss whether government restrictions as of May 4th will require postponing the May 17th concert

Chair Frascinella suggested rescheduling the May 17<sup>th</sup> concert until sometime in June.

Mr. McDonald said that Motorcycle Week has been moved to August.

Chair Frascinella said he would like to have the concert on a weekend with no distractions or conflicting events.

Mr. Pelissier agreed with Chair Frascinella and suggested avoiding Father's Day.

Mr. Goodine said that they could look into having a drive-in movie if the concerts don't work out. They would have to get a price for the screen, he said.

- **Hometown Heroes Banners:** Still seeking a source for names of Allenstown veterans, KIA from WWII forward

Chair Frascinella stated that he received an email from the vendor asking about our progress. At this point, he said, they have only one order: Wayne Martel has ordered one for his father. Chair Frascinella said that Mrs. Caruso may have some contacts for locating veterans.

Mr. McDonald said that some Allenstown veterans may be listed as being from Suncook.

- **Walking Tour of Historic Homes:** Review current booklet design and determine a final list of historic sites

Chair Frascinella reported that Claudette Verville has been a great help in providing information on historic sites which is not in the book. She also provided an aerial shot of China Mill, crisscrossed with railroad tracks and showing an old turntable. The tracks, he said, have been turned into a line of power poles going to Pembroke.

Mr. Pelissier said there was a mill at the old brick building along the river.

Mr. Goodine said that was Osgood's saw mill.

Chair Frascinella said that, with each historic photo, they want to have a photo of what that property or area looks like now. With some, there have been major changes, while others have changed very little.

- **Proclamation for Retiring Doctor Albee:** Update from Scott McDonald on when we might hold this ceremony.

Mr. McDonald stated that Dr. Albee is still in Florida but should be home soon.

- **2020 Projects:** Review with Mr. Venegas the idea of offering Bear Brook State Park passes at the Library

Chair Frascinella reported that Bear Brook State Park has opened the Catamount toll booth already and will probably be opening the one on Podunk Road by this weekend. He said he will check with Mr. Venegas about having the passes offered at the Library.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Frascinella described a local business called *A Brush with Life*. The artist who runs this business has an eye-catching portfolio of projects, including wall tiles, wall murals, public art on

buildings and 3-D sculptures. He said he wished Allenstown had a large empty wall where a mural of the Blueberry Express could be painted. This is an idea from the Main Street Academy which he and Mr. Goodine attended.

Mr. Goodine said that a mural of the Blueberry Express would be great.

Chair Frascinella said perhaps it could be done on a wall in one of the school's gymnasiums.

Mr. Goodine said that they might try to obtain a grant, as was the case in Keene. These murals can be very expensive, he said. He mentioned Cat Alley in Manchester, which is in the area of the public library, as an example of this type of public art.

## **REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Pelissier made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2020 meeting as written. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

Chad Pelissier – aye.

Scott McDonald – aye.

Mike Frascinella – aye.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pelissier made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2020 meeting as written. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

Chad Pelissier – aye.

Scott McDonald – aye.

Mike Frascinella – aye.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Goodine said the minutes could be signed via Write Signature. He reported that Andrea, a virtual meeting participant, said to keep going; you are doing a good job. Another resident named Amy also participated electronically.

## **SCHEDULE THE NEXT MEETING**

Chair Frascinella stated that the next meeting would be on May 13, 2020. He said he would be getting in touch with Crazy Steve regarding the concert, as well as the artist from *A Brush with Life*.

Mr. Goodine said the Committee has funds for operating expenses and for capital projects. He suggested that the flags would be a capital project and the concert and similar events would be covered by the operating budget.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Pelissier made a motion to adjourn at 7:39 pm. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

Chad Pelissier – aye.

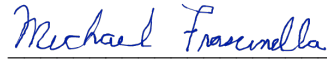
Scott McDonald – aye.

Mike Frascinella – aye.

The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**April 29, 2020**

**Michael Frascinella, Chairman**



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**Date signed**

**Chad Pelissier, Member**



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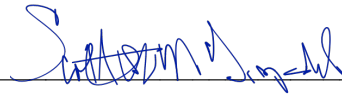
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**Jeffrey Venegas, Member**



**Date signed**

**Scott McDonald, Member**



06/15/2020

**Date signed**