

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Town Hall 16 School Street
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275
June 25, 2020

The June 25, 2020 virtual meeting of the Economic Development Committee was called to order by Chairman Mike Frascinella at 6:37 pm.

Chair Frascinella read a statement establishing authority to hold an electronic meeting, along with remote viewing and listening guidelines.

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 (603-485-7321, password 1234) and Zoom Video Conferencing (880 4289 0474, password 062520). As a courtesy, we are also on Facebook Live. 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. If anybody has a problem, please call 207-595-0310 or email at: dgoodine@allenstownnh.gov. If the public is unable to access the meeting, it will be adjourned.

Chair Frascinella called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Jeffrey Venegas, Scott McDonald, Mike Frascinella, Chad Pelissier

Town Staff: Derik Goodine, Town Administrator

OLD BUSINESS

▪ **American Flags**

Chair Frascinella stated that the Highway Department has installed 12 American flags on School Street and Main Street.

Mr. Venegas said the flags look good, and Mr. McDonald agreed.

Chair Frascinella said there are other locations where the flags would look great.

Mr. Goodine asked if there were extra or spare flags.

Chair Frascinella said no.

▪ **Hometown Heroes Banners**

Chair Frascinella said that two Hometown Heroes Banners are in the proofing stage. Two others have not followed through with their orders. He said that Hooksett Rotary would like to sponsor a banner. Armand and Claudette Verville, he said, provided names of five (5) World War II veterans who were either killed in action or taken as prisoners. Here is the list:

- George O. Malo, killed in action on June 15, 1942
- Norman Auger, taken prisoner in Germany on October 10, 1943
- Norman Raymond, killed in action on the Italian front
- Lee Daneault, taken as a prisoner of war in Germany
- Robert Neveu, killed in action in Germany in 1945

Chair Frascinella continued, saying that the Vervilles provided photographs of two of the veterans. However, the photos are in poor condition. He asked the EDC members to try to find relatives of these veterans to fill in some information and perhaps provide better photographs.

Mr. Pelissier said the veterans are listed in the back of the Town Reports.

Mr. Goodine said that Rotary Club members saw the information about the Hometown Heroes Banners on the website when they were looking for a service project.

Chair Frascinella said that if the Rotary Club purchases one banner, he would like to have the EDC purchase four banners for the other four veterans, using capital reserve funds.

Mr. Goodine said he would check with Finance Director Debbie Bender about using capital reserve funds for this

▪ **Welcome Banners**

Chair Frascinella said that he enlarged his sample welcome banner to 24" by 48' and then enlarged the seal and added more text.

Mr. McDonald suggested removing a comma which causes the text to appear off-centered, even though the comma is grammatically correct.

Mr. Goodine said that was a good suggestion and Chair Frascinella agreed.

Mr. Venegas said he liked the larger banner.

Chair Sullivan said they plan to order ten of these. They will be double-thick, printed on both sides, and stitched, he said. He will get a price for the ten banners with brackets.

- **2020 Concerts**

Chair Frascinella said that he has been in contact with Crazy Steve, and they are looking at scheduling a Sunday concert in late August or early September. He added that he has spoken with Scott Heron, and the Green Heron bluegrass band is still scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd.

Mr. Goodine said that, as long as guidelines are followed, these events can occur.

Chair Frascinella said food vending has separate restrictions and may be difficult to manage.

Mr. Goodine said they could forego the food.

- **Walking Tour of Historic Homes**

Chair Frascinella stated that he is using pictures of people working at China Mill at the beginning of the walking tour guide so that the focus is on people, not the buildings and sites. Mr. Venegas, he said, has taken on the task of taking pictures of the sites as they are now. He said that he found out from the Vervilles that the Blodgett Train Station still exists. It is at the north end of Main Street and has been repurposed as a garage. He asked the current owner if he might place a sign on his property saying, 'Blodgett Station.'

Mr. Venegas said he has all of the pages marked and is in the process of taking pictures, which he will be able to share digitally. He said he has a couple of questions for Chair Frascinella which he will pose to him after the meeting. He also suggested placing markers at the sites. He said this could be a future project.

Chair Frascinella said this would be good, and that having them made by prisoners might be the least expensive option.

- **Park Passes**

Mr. Venegas reported that the check has been sent for the two Park Passes but has not been cashed yet.

Chair Frascinella said they should start advertising when they have the passes. He confirmed that Mr. Venegas has received instructions for preparing the passes for use.

Mr. Venegas said they will have a sign at the Library and notification on the Library's Facebook page as well.

- **Proclamation for Retiring Doctor Albee**

Mr. Goodine said that this could be held at the Community Center if the Selectboard agrees.

- **Blueberry Express Mural**

Chair Frascinella said that he has no update for this item because he has not had time to locate other artists to get more quotes. He asked the EDC members if they could track down other artists.

- **Drive-In Movies**

Mr. Goodine reported that Allenstown Aggregate is open to the idea of using their property as a drive-in movie site. He added that the Rotary Club might help with manpower. He suggested that they use cones to socially distance the cars from one another.

Chair Frascinella asked if they would be charging a fee.

Mr. Goodine said they would probably just ask for donations.

Mr. McDonald said they would have to do some calculations regarding the projector, the size of the screen, and the viewing area.

- **Ice Skating Rink**

Mr. Venegas said that he hasn't pursued the use of the field at ARD with the School Board because they are busy reviewing proposals for Allenstown school buildings.

Mr. Goodine said that a lot of people in Town are talking about a Splash Pad.

Chair Frascinella suggested that Iris Pond has a peninsula, and the water is very still on the left side. He said they could measure the depth and use rope and buoys to designate the swimming area.

Mr. Pelissier said he would be concerned about the bacteria count because there are so many ducks in the area. He said that the area north of the boat launch has virtually no current and would be a good area for swimming if the State allows it, because it is close, free and usable. Pembroke, he said, uses White Sands.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Mr. McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2020 meeting as written. Mr. Venegas seconded the motion.

Chair Frascinella called for a roll call vote on the motion.

Mr. McDonald – Aye

Mr. Venegas – Aye

Mr. Pelissier – Aye
Mr. Frascinella – Aye
The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Frascinella set the date of July 8th for the next EDC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McDonald made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Mr. Venegas seconded the motion.

Chair Frascinella called for a roll call vote on the motion.

Mr. McDonald – Aye
Mr. Venegas – Aye
Mr. Pelissier – Aye
Mr. Frascinella – Aye
The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
June 25, 2020

Michael Frascinella, Chairman



Date signed 08 / 28 / 2020

Chad Pelissier, Member



Date signed 08 / 30 / 2020

Jeffrey Venegas, Member



Date signed 11 / 01 / 2020

Scott McDonald, Member



Date signed 11 / 02 / 2020

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