

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Town Hall 16 School Street
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275
June 03, 2020

The June 3, 2020 virtual meeting of the Economic Development Committee was called to order by Chairman Mike Frascinella at 6:44 pm. He called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Jeffrey Venegas, Scott McDonald, Mike Frascinella

Town Staff: Derik Goodine, Town Administrator

OLD BUSINESS

- **American Flags:**

Chair Frascinella stated that Eversource approved the pole locations for the American flags. Mr. Goodine has ordered the flags, and Road Agent Chad Pelissier has committed Highway Department employees to installing the flags.

- **Hometown Heroes Banners**

Chair Frascinella reported that six Hometown Heroes Banners have been ordered and one has been installed. He said he is still seeking a source for names of Allentown veterans KIA or MIA from World War II and forward.

- **Welcome Banners**

Chair Frascinella said that after seeing the 24 X 48-inch Hometown Hero banner installed, he is thinking the 18 X 36-inch Welcome banner might be too small. He said the banners are printed on both sides, folded in half, and stitched on four sides. For the next meeting, he will have pricing on the larger banners. He said they will be placed at the entrances to town. One would be at School Street and Route 3 and two more would be to the north on local roads to Town.

Mr. McDonald said he likes the larger size.

Chair Frascinella said that Eversource wants the banners and flags ten feet from the lowest cable.

- **2020 Concerts**

Chair Frascinella stated that, since the Town Yard Sale has been cancelled, they should wait two weeks to make a decision about the concert.

Mr. Venegas asked if approval from the Town was needed for the concert.

Chair Frascinella responded that they did need Selectboard approval. He continued, saying that the food concession run by the Fire Department could be problematic as well.

- **Walking Tour of Historic Homes**

Chair Frascinella said that Mr. Pelissier had suggested adding the old saw mill near the double decker bridge to the tour, but it seems too far out of town.

Mr. Venegas suggested putting it on a list to be added later if the tours are popular and people want to expand it.

Chair Frascinella said that he finished a draft of the booklet for the tour today and will send it to Claudette Verville for her review. It is a list of historic sites, starting at the railroad crossing at School and Valley Streets and ending at the Boat Ferry. He said he started with a photograph taken in the late 1800s of people who actually worked at the mill and another of under-age children who worked at the mill. He will annotate the map to indicate where the sites are located. Next, he said, are 'then and now' pictures of the sites.

Mr. Venegas said he would be taking some pictures over the weekend.

- **Bear Brook State Park Passes**

Chair Frascinella stated that the Library Trustees will purchase one Family Season Pass if the Economic Development Committee also purchases one. They cost \$105.00 each and cover two adults and up to four children. He said there has been a lot of activity at Bear Brook State Park recently.

Mr. McDonald made a motion to purchase one family season pass for Bear Brook State Park at a cost of \$105.00. Mr. Venegas seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Jeff Venegas – Aye

Scott McDonald – Aye

Mike Frascinella – Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Frascinella asked Mr. Venegas if the Library is still planning to purchase one pass.

Mr. Venegas said yes, it is in the budget.

- **Proclamation for Retiring Doctor Albee**

Chair Frascinella asked Mr. McDonald when they might present the proclamation for Dr. Albee.

Mr. McDonald said it would be when the Selectboard holds regular meetings without masks.

Chair Frascinella said they will see when Town Hall is reopened and wait for the Selectboard to decide how they will proceed.

- **Blueberry Express Mural**

Chair Frascinella said that he has no other artists yet to give an estimate. He asked the members to provide suggestions. He said he likes Mr. Goodine's suggestion of the broad side of Aubuchon Hardware. It is a good location, he said, because it faces Route 3 and has no windows. He said that the front of Sully's has panels, suitable for a series of vignettes. He said they need to get a better idea of what the mural would look like. Although he has done a rough sketch, he said, they need an artist to do a sketch they could show to business owners who might be willing to have the mural on their wall. They should also seek grants for outdoor art projects.

- **Drive-In Movie**

Mr. Goodine reported that the Selectboard has authorized the expenditure of up to \$1,500.00 for the drive-in movie project, with the funds to come from the Parks & Rec capital reserve fund.

Chair Frascinella said they still need a location.

Mr. Goodine said that Allentown Aggregate has a Technical Review meeting next week and he will ask about using their property.

Chair Frascinella said he heard they are planning to construct a building there.

Mr. Goodine said he is thinking about ordering a 20-foot screen instead of a 24-foot screen.

Mr. McDonald asked if this is because of cost or because the larger screen is too big.

Mr. Goodine said it is because of resolution.

- **Ice Skating Rink**

Chair Frascinella asked if they should pursue using the field next to ARD for a temporary ice-skating rink. They would have to ask the School Board. He said the location is ideal, and they can purchase a rink that is easy to assemble. There is a nearby water source and the Highway Department has agreed to remove snow when necessary. He asked if they were still looking into sending students to Three Rivers.

Mr. Goodine said he heard they have given up on that idea.

Chair Frascinella said it would only be for a few months each year, and it would be popular with the children.

Mr. Venegas said that liability is always an issue.

SCHEDULE THE NEXT MEETING

Chair Frascinella said their next meeting would be on June 24, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Venegas made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Jeff Venegas – Aye

Scott McDonald – Aye

Mike Frascinella – Aye

The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Michael Frascinella, Chairman

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Date signed 07/09/2020 _____

Chad Pelissier, Member

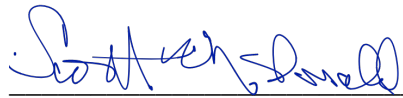
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Jeffrey Venegas, Member

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