

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

The July 29, 2020 virtual meeting of the Economic Development Committee was called to order by Chairman Mike Frascinella at 6:45 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). 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, Mike Frascinella, Chad Pelissier, Scott McDonald

Town Staff: Derik Goodine, Town Administrator

OLD BUSINESS

▪ **American Flags**

Chair Frascinella stated that seven (7) additional American flags have been ordered and that Eversource wants the pole numbers instead of a map to identify their locations. He asked if an EDC member would be willing to get those numbers.

Mr. Venegas said he would do that.

- **Welcome Banners**

Chair Frascinella asked for feedback on the Welcome banners.

Mr. Pelissier said he is concerned about possible vandalism of those outside of town. He said the Highway Department is replacing signs constantly because of this. He added that big trucks might knock down those close to the road.

Chair Frascinella said there are only three that are outside of the downtown area. He asked Mr. Goodine about liability.

Mr. Goodine said there is a \$500 deductible, so the Town's insurance would not be helpful.

Mr. Venegas suggested leaving the banners for now and removing them if there are problems.

- **Hometown Heroes Banners**

Mr. Pelissier reported speaking with relatives of one of the identified veterans. They like the idea and will attempt to find photos and information.

Chair Frascinella said that two flags are ready to install, but Matt Seiler has been ill and not able to install them.

Mr. Pelissier said he will install the two banners.

- **2020 Concerts**

Chair Frascinella asked Committee members to meet this Friday at 4:30 pm to chalk the areas for distancing during the Green Heron bluegrass concert on Sunday August 2nd. The porta-potty will be delivered Friday.

Mr. Goodine said he has masks and sanitizers.

Chair Frascinella proposed scheduling the Crazy Steve & Friends concert early in September, perhaps the Sunday after Labor Day. He said they have a third possibility – a blue/rock band called Argo. He asked Mr. Goodine to play a sampling of their music.

Mr. Pelissier said he liked the music.

Chair Frascinella said they also have the possibility of booking Nicole Knox Murphy, a country singer from Candia.

- **Walking Tour of Historic Homes**

Chair Frascinella said there is nothing to report on this project.

- **Park Passes**

Chair Frascinella reported that the Park only allows 450 people into the Park each day, a policy he does not agree with since those visiting the Park go to many different locations.

- **Proclamation for Retiring Doctor Albee**

Mr. McDonald said he would contact Dr. Albee tomorrow to try to establish a date. The ceremony would take place at the Community Center to allow for social distancing.

- **Blueberry Express Mural**

Chair Frascinella reported no action on this project since the last meeting when Mr. Goodine suggested seeking a grant from the State Council on the Arts.

- **Drive-In Movie**

Chair Frascinella stated that they would continue working on this project after the Sunday concert. The location needs to be scoped out and a full equipment test needs to be conducted.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Allenstown T-Shirts**

Mr. Pelissier said he has been looking at clip art for a bear motif; he likes some that he has seen but hasn't found an ideal one. He said it is important to minimize the number of colors. He said they need to identify the best clip art and come up with a slogan for the t-shirts.

- **Industrial Site**

Chair Frascinella reported that Charlie Morgan asked him for help finding an industrial site for a distribution center, which he did, coming up with six (6) possible sites and providing property cards and screen shots for each. Mr. Pelissier and he identified two sites on Route 28 – a 4.25-acre parcel and a 36-acre parcel. On Chester Turnpike near Granite Street, they located an 11-acre parcel and a five-acre parcel next to the Family Dollar store. At the corner of River and Dodge Roads, they identified a 59-acre parcel, and at the south end of Chester Turnpike, they found a 22-acre parcel. There is a concern, they said, about availability of sewer and water.

Mr. Goodine consulted the VUEWorks program to try to determine how close these parcels are to sewer and water hook-ups. He noted that the population of Allenstown is approaching 5,000, with the China Mill and Optimus Senior Living, creating a customer base conducive to development. He said that developers explore quality of life and place factors, looking at population, traffic, recreation opportunities, and tax break incentives.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Venegas made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2020 meeting as written. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion.

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

Jeff Venegas – Aye

Scott McDonald - Aye

Chad Pelissier – Aye

Mike Frascinella – Aye

The motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE THE NEXT MEETING

Chair Frascinella set August 12, 2020 as the date for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Venegas made a motion to adjourn at 8:52 pm. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion.

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

Jeff Venegas – Aye

Scott McDonald - Aye

Chad Pelissier – Aye

Mike Frascinella – Aye

The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Michael Frascinella, Chairman



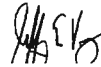
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Chad Pelissier, Member



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Jeffrey Venegas, Member



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Scott McDonald, Member



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