

**TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall- 16 School Street
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275
September 23, 2021**

Call to Order

The Allenstown Economic Development Committee Meeting of September 23, 2021 was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Mike Frascinella.

Chair Frascinella called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present on the Board: Chair Frascinella, Ron Adinolfo, Chad Pelissier

Excused: Jeff Venegas, Scott McDonald

Other: Derik Goodine, Town Administrator (via Zoom)

OLD BUSINESS

- **Grant for Historic Site Markers:**

Chair Frascinella said he put in a call to the State Prison Workshop and they haven't returned his call as of yet. He has also contacted Saymore Trophy on Airport Road and they only thing they have that might be suitable is an aluminum type sign on which they could do a vinyl overlay. He was told the sign should last over 10 years. He guesstimated the sign to be 24" by 18" and they are looking to put these at each site so people who are walking the tour or driving by will slow down and see the sign. Chair Frascinella said the context of the sign will be up to them and he was thinking the name of the site in large letters and maybe a sentence or two about the site that he would lift from the booklet.

He said with regard to the booklet, there are still a lot of photos that need to be added. He asked Betsi Randlett how the library came into existence and what it currently offers to people.

Chair Frascinella said he was advised with the thickness and size of the sign, they should have two posts to hold it up and the posts are available at Home Depot or Lowes. He said the retail clerk strongly recommended stainless steel hardware so the rust would not stain the sign. He was quoted \$94 per sign and the color scheme is up to them.

Mr. Adinolfo said if they are going to be driving two posts into the ground, there are areas like the library that do not have a lot of room. Mr. Pelissier said that people might not want that in front of their house as most of these properties are private. Mr. Pelissier said he would bring in a sample sign at that size to show how big it is. Chair Frascinella said once they get a final mock up, they could show every property owner. Mr. Pelissier said two posts would not be attractive.

Mr. Pelissier said most walking trails have them horizontal at an angle on four foot posts so that you are able to read it, similar to a podium.

Chair Frascinella said when he was working on the booklet, he thought it was a good idea to put a footnote linking the site to a page Carol Martel's Suncook Village book.

Chair Frascinella said he would like to get a photograph of the church under renovation.

- **Water Line for Ice Rink:**

Mr. Pelissier said he does not have an update with regards to cost but they should be starting it in about two weeks.

Chair Frascinella said they did not get approval from the Selectboard regarding the funds for the waterline, but permission to buy the rink. Mr. Pelissier said the Board was okay with the Pembroke portion, but they were working on a number for Allenstown and it is hard to know just yet what they need.

Mr. Pelissier said the meter is going to be located inside and he was not concerned about the installation. He said the hardest part will be to get the water there.

Chair Pelissier said they should request \$3,500 from the Selectboard, with \$2,500 being the quote from Matt Gagne regarding the waterline. He said they will have to buy a hose and a few other materials.

- **Movie Night:**

Chair Frascinella said they had clear weather on movie night and the equipment worked fine. He said they had plenty of snacks, popcorn and water.

Mr. Goodine didn't think 22 participants was terrible but he would have liked to have more people there. He said they could have another one in the Spring before the sun stays out late. Mr. Pelissier said he liked the idea of doing one indoors in the gymnasium and if we did one in November, they could start at 6 pm.

Chair Frascinella asked if it was publicized in the two schools. Mr. Goodine says as far as he knows they had copies of the poster and he asked that it be put on the announcements. Mr. Pelissier said they should have a flyer to be sent home with each student next time. It was suggested they could hold another one in February as they are gearing up for other Holiday events right now. Chair Frascinella said that putting it off until next year was agreeable.

Mr. Adinolfo said they could also have an event at the skating rink with a bonfire. Mr. Goodine said it wouldn't hurt to ask if they are able to do that.

- **Commercial Properties Work Session:**

Mr. Goodine said he sent out 7 letters and has heard back from two so far. He said one is on Lavoie Avenue, the Suncook Business Center where Pace Academy was and they would love see

something developed there. He said there are 3 vernal ponds or wetlands in the area, and they would have to have Brian Arsenault come to a meeting to talk about environmental obstructions to development.

Mr. Goodine said the other property that apparently there was an offer on was to the left of Circle K Irving. He said they did not have access to the property from Route 3 so they bought this property between the town line and the Irving station, and some developer has reached out to them about possibly purchasing that land. He said they may have to resend the letters out again to make sure they realize that the information is needed.

He said if someone has already reached out to the family of the property between the Hooksett line and Irving, then the gravel pit across the street could be prime real estate. He said if anyone on the Board knows who to speak to regarding the family or other owners of that property, they could reach out to talk to them.

Mr. Goodine said one of the properties across from the Suncook Business Center is on his potential deed list and he needs to do a bit more research on that. He said the property could be sold if they do not pay the taxes but they would need to hold onto it for three years beforehand by law. He is just hoping that whoever owns it is interested in selling it if they are having trouble paying the taxes on it. Mr. Goodine said this is the property where much of it was in the flood plain and only 2.5 acres are developable.

Mr. Goodine said the piece of property between Irving and Hooksett that goes up into Bailey Ave., is that zoned business. There is further discussion about this property.

Mr. Pelissier requested a new map for the properties for the meeting room.

- **Fishing Bear:**

Chair Frascinella contacted Mr. George who said he was going to a couple of fairs to sell his carvings and that he would be working on the fishing bear at the end of this month. He said they need to get him a fishing pole of some kind.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Halloween lighting Contest**

Chair Frascinella said he started working on a webpage that he reworked from last year. He said for the Christmas contest last year, they made it a requirement that they send in a photo.

He said from October 1-15, they can register their house and from October 15-29 is the vote for the best decorations. He said on October 20th, they will have an afternoon ceremony. He said they still need to decide on prizes and trophies. Chair Frascinella said last year they only did first, second and third place with gift certificates for each one. Mr. Pelissier said Mr. McDonald should have a good memory of the monetary value for each and they should do what they did previously.

- **Christmas Lighting Contest**

Chair Frascinella said he still needed to create a webpage but it will be a remake of last years with more specificity on the dates. There will be a link for people to register and vote.

- **New Movie Night “Polar Express”**

Chair Frascinella said when it was suggested to have an indoor movie night in November or December, he thought maybe they could show Polar Express but he would be okay with waiting until next year because of the skating rink and other activities.

Mr. Pelissier said Thanksgiving weekend could be the best time to get the skating ring out.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (September 8, 2021)

Mr. Adinolfo made a Motion to approve the minutes from September 8, 2021 as written. Mr. Pelissier seconded the Motion.

Roll Call vote was taken.

Chad Pelissier– Abstained

Mike Frascinella- Aye

Ron Adinolfo –Aye

The Motion passed.

Chair Frascinella said the next meeting with be on October 13, 2021.

Mr. Pelissier made a Motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm. Mr. Adinolfo seconded the Motion.

Roll Call vote was taken.

Chad Pelissier – Aye

Mike Frascinella- Aye

Ron Adinolfo –Aye

The Motion passed unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
September 23, 2021

Michael Frascinella, Chairman



Date signed 10/13/21

Chad Pelissier, Vice Chairman

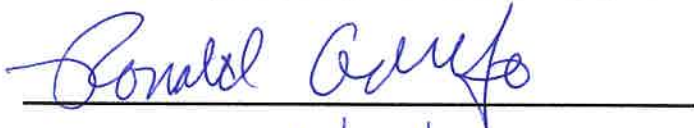


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Jeffrey Venegas, Member

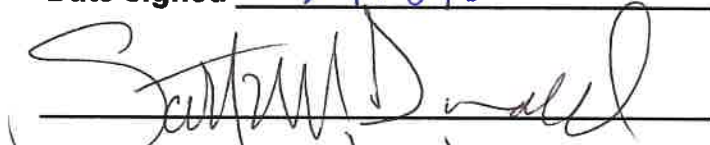
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Ron Adinolfo, Member



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Scott McDonald, Selectman Rep.



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