

**TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall- 16 School Street
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275
September 28, 2022**

Call to Order

The Allenstown Economic Development Committee Meeting of September 28, 2022 was called to order at 6:39 pm by Chairman Mike Frascinella.

Chair Frascinella lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present on the Board: Chair Mike Frascinella, Ron Adinolfo, Nancy Beaulieu, Alternate, Lisa Lemire, Alternate

Scott McDonald, Selectboard Representative.

Not present: Jeff Venegas, Chad Pelissier

Excused: Rich Caruso, Alternate

Other: Derik Goodine, Town Administrator.

Chair Frascinella said Ms. Lemire was officially nominated as an Alternate member but Ms. Beaulieu's paperwork has not yet been completed. Mr. Goodine said that will be completed at the next Board of Selectman meeting on Monday but they need to decide who they want to become permanent regular members versus alternates. He said they only have two full members as Chad Pelissier's term is expired and he is not sure if he is coming back. Chair Frascinella said he also has not been able to contact Mr. Venegas to find out whether he will still serve on the Board.

He told Mr. Caruso's wife that Mr. Caruso has the option of becoming a full member since he is the longest serving alternate, but he wasn't able to be present tonight. He said that still leaves them with having only 3 full members including himself, Ron Adinolfo and Mr. Caruso. Mr. McDonald is the Selectboard Representative so he does not count as a full member.

Chair Frascinella showed a screen shot of the following:

EDC Committee Members

The committee includes the following members appointed for three years by the selectmen:

- One selectman.
- One Planning Board member.
- Three town residents.

Chair Frascinella said they are appointed for three years and since Mr. Venegas and Mr. Pelissier are probably finished, they will need to appoint two alternates to full members.

Mr. Adinolfo asked how can Mr. Frascinella be a Planning Board member and a Chair of the EDC. Mr. Goodine said it's because it does not say that a Planning Board member is not a regular voting member that cannot also be the Chair. The alternates cannot vote unless a regular member is absent. Chair Frascinella said he would follow up with Mr. Caruso to see if he wanted to be a full member.

Mr. Goodine asked if they appointed both Ms. Beaulieu and Ms. Lemire. Mr. Goodine found his notes from the meeting and said that Ms. Beaulieu did not have her paperwork in.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Historic Site Markers**

Mr. McDonald provided draft one page descripts for the site markers. He said he needed to tidy it up a bit.

- **Fishing Bear**

Chair Frascinella said he hasn't been able to reach the wood carver and he currently works in Laconia.

Mr. Goodine asked if they can look at a dock for next year at the boat launch. It could be a dock that has wheels and anchor or a floating dock with chains. It would be ADA accessible and they can take it out of the Parks and Recreation Fund. Mr. Goodine said he didn't know how much it would cost for sure but they could perhaps get it out of this year's operation budget of what is leftover.

Mr. Goodine said they will be building their rail trail also this fall.

Mr. Adinolfo said they are going to have to regroup soon to discuss plans for the skating rink for the things they need to do. He said the long term weather outlooks sound optimistic and like they will have a cold and snowy winter.

Spotlight on Local Business

Chair Frascinella said he interviewed the owner of the new storage company and he will publish it when he receives the transcription.

He said Ms. Lemire had discussed interviewing Sandy's Classic Touch. She said that she is going to reach out this coming week. She believes that the owner is looking to sell the property but Sandy is staying there. She said this is a question that she would like to ask her.

Chair Frascinella has a list of questions that she can take to the interview and asked that she record the interview.

- **September Movie Night**

Mr. McDonald said they had a good crowd for the new Jurassic Park movie.

Chair Frascinella said that Fire Chief Lambert said they could use the fire station for future movie nights so they don't have to worry about the weather and if it is dark enough. There is also a kitchen they could use.

He said that the idea of passing out the movie tickets at Old Homes Day may have generated some more interest of the event.

Chair Frascinella said next September they can try again for a movie night at the fire house.

NEW BUSINESS

- **New Concert Bands**

Chair Frascinella said they should look at May, June, and August for a concert and they just had new yard signs made up.

He said that BoneShakerz was a popular concert. Chair Frascinella attended a couple of concerts in Pembroke and there was a three piece band that only sang original numbers. Mr. McDonald said he is not sure that is the crowd they are wanting to target.

Chair Frascinella said there is another six piece band called "Out on Bail" that played songs from the 60's to the 90's. He said they may be pricey because they are a six piece band. The last song they did was God Bless America which was something he has not seen before. Catfish Howl was also pricey. He was thinking of having the band leader from "Out on Bail" to the gazebo to check it out.

The Board discussed previous artists who have played in Town such as Blue Heron and Nicole Knox Murphy.

Chair Frascinella said there is a venue in Concord called Area 23 that showcases bands.

- **Halloween and Christmas Lighting**

Chair Frascinella said he just finished the webpage for the Halloween contest. Mr. McDonald said this will be their 4th year and every year they get a few more people to participate.

Mr. McDonald said they will have the Allentown Police Department again do a "Police Choice." Chair Frascinella said they will need both trophies and gift certificates. Mr. McDonald said he would get the trophies. For those who get gift certificates, Chair Frascinella said they should submit an invoice for reimbursement. Ms. Lemire volunteered to obtain the cards. The Board would like to keep the gift cards for local businesses only.

The schedule is as follows:



Chair Frascinella is looking for one person to collate the email votes and people can only vote once. Scott McDonald volunteered for that task.

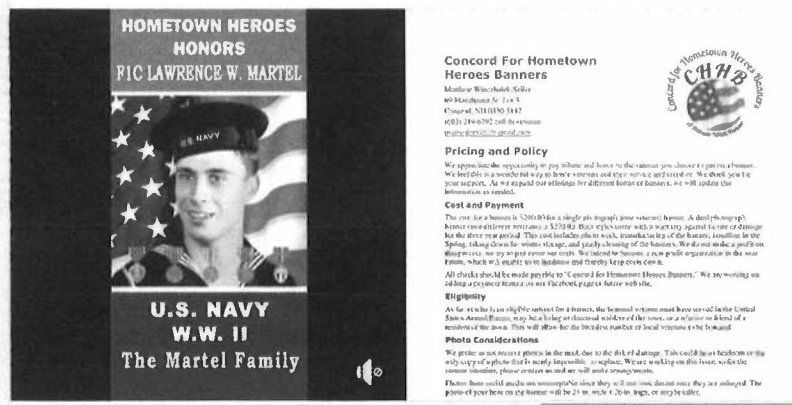
Ms. Lemire said when she picks up the gift cards, she will also ask if the business would like to donate for the Christmas contest.

• Winter Bonfire

Chair Frascinella said they had discussed having a fire pit near where the skating rink is located and they can have an outside Christmas awards ceremony at the same time as a bonfire. He said he will also enlist the music teacher to see if the chorus can participate in the event and do some Christmas caroling.

Chair Frascinella read the following post from a town Facebook page:

I wanted to thank the residents of Allentown for the growth of our program this year. We started this year with 5 banners and have grown to 10. Just a reminder this is open to all current or former residents to honor family or friends who have served in the military. The Allentown EDC has been a wonderful partner for this program, thank you Michael Frascinella for your help.



Ms. Lemire said they should also advertise their contests in that Facebook group.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES

There are no meeting minutes to review.

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

Mr. Caruso made a Motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Mr. Pelissier seconded the Motion.

Roll Call vote was taken.

Mike Frascinella- Aye

Ron Adinolfo-Aye

Rich Caruso- Aye

Scott McDonald- Aye

Lisa Lemire- Aye

Nancy Beaulieu- Aye

The Motion passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

September 28, 2022

Michael Frascinella, Chairman

Michael Frascinella

Date signed

10/12/22

Rich Caruso, Member

Date signed

Ron Adinolfo, Member

Date signed

Lisa Lemire, Alternate Member

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Date Signed

10-12-22

Nancy Beaulieu, Alternate Member

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Date signed

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Scott McDonald, Selectman Rep.

Scott McDonald

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