

**TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Town Hall- 16 School Street  
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275  
October 27, 2021**

**Call to Order**

The Allenstown Economic Development Committee Meeting of October 27, 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, Scott McDonald

Other: Derik Goodine, Town Administrator (via Zoom), Jim Rodger (Select Board Representative)

**OLD BUSINESS**

• **Grant for Historic Site Markers:**

Chair Frascinella talked to Nathan Gauntt from the State Prison Workshop to discuss what kind of signs they can put up in front of the historic sites on the downtown walking tour. He said Nathan recommended an 8 x 10 or an 9 x 11 size sign and using it in landscape format on a 4 x 4 post.

Chair Frascinella said Nathan cannot tell him what size text to use so he will send some text and ask if it will fit on the sign and perhaps prepare a sample.

He said that last week, the Board talked about an 8 ½ x 11 but the material Nathan has is either 8 x 10 or 9 x 12. Mr. Adinolfo asked if they could make a border around it. Chair Frascinella said they do laser engraving with a clear coat to protect the surface and Nathan recommended a wood backing. He said for the post they are mounting it on, they have to figure out where it will be screwed into the post.

Chair Frascinella said he is trying to figure out how many characters he can fit. Mr. Goodine said the signs are for people walking to be able to read, so he thought it was the perfect size.

Mr. Adinolfo asked if they could put a photo on it. Chair Frascinella said the photographs will be in the booklet.

Mr. Pelissier said they can number the historical markers so they are matched up in the book. Chair Frascinella said he could send them a copy of the tour as it exists at 16 locations. Mr. Pelissier said the number could even go on the post.

Chair Frascinella said the price will depend on what they decide for content. He said by next meeting, he will have a sample to look at.

- **Water Line for Ice Rink:**

Mr. Pelissier said they plan to start the waterline on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and Library Street will be closed. He said they have a good place to come inside the building and there looks like there may be a piece of old cast from an old sewer line that goes through the foundation down there and is blocked by cement on the outside. He said they will try to knock that off to enter through the foundation through there.

He said for the plumbing inside, they can avoid the gas line totally and then come out on the other side. He said he talked to Matt from the Waterworks, they do not have to dig deep coming out and they could put a gate valve downstairs on the inside.

Mr. Pelissier said if they put a valve outside, he does not want the wrong person to shut it off and then have a problem. He wasn't sure if they could use a nozzle from a fire hose, in order that they could put the nozzle on and then charge the water line. He said he has a couple of shut off valves from the fire department. Mr. Adinolfo said they could put a gate valve on there that unscrews and someone could shut it off outside.

Mr. Pelissier said Matt from the Water Department agreed to assist him and make sure it is properly mounted but he cannot technically do the work due to liability.

Mr. Pelissier said he was out there with the building inspector, Brian Arsenault, regarding lights for the rink and they have a good idea how they can do it. He said it is relatively cheap and there are outlets on the back side of the gazebo.

Chair Frascinella asked if they were going to do any grading. Mr. Pelissier said it's close and he won't mess with an inch, and they could just fill it with water.

Chair Frascinella asked if there will be a need for additional valving aside from the exit pipe. Mr. Pelissier said they have to pay for the meter. He said they are going to tap the line tomorrow, put a curb stop out in the grass and then come into Town Hall. He said they do not want more than they need, so one valve, meter and go from there.

Mr. Pelissier said that Mr. Adinolfo is taking the lead and Brian Noel said he could assist as necessary. Mr. Adinolfo said they are going to need volunteers and a place to store the cords, etc. Mr. Pelissier said he believes there is a lock on the panel so they can kill the breaker and lock it.

- **Commercial Properties Work Session:**

Mr. Goodine said he has not had any additional response to his letters and he did have one returned which was also one property on the deed list.

He said someone needs to find out who the Plourde contact is locally so they can invite them to a meeting to see if they are interested. He already mentioned the Suncook Business District and they can put something back there on their land.

Mr. Goodine said supposedly where the Casella's dumpsters are, there is someone already interested in the lot, as well as the property between the Hooksett town line and Irving.

He said one of the pieces of land was just in front of the Zoning Board.

Mr. Goodine said the Plourde property is of high interest right now as it's in the commercial zoning and is sitting there vacant. Mr. Pelissier said he would notify "Dan" and perhaps have him come to a meeting to discuss.

Chair Frascinella asked if Mr. Goodine has heard from the developer for the land by Family Dollar. Mr. Goodine said he has not yet seen anything from them, and he does not see them trying to get a variance to put a residential there as the Town is very protective of their commercial/light industrial properties.

Mr. Goodine expects there will be more interest when Optimus opens up, and then China Mills with 400 potential new citizens. He has tried to get the information regarding the revitalization of Allentown out to the DOT and the general public.

Mr. Goodine said that with regard to the under ice LEDs, they could save it for the following year. The Board discussed options for seating around the rink.

- **Fishing Bear:**

Chair Frascinella said he is waiting to hear from the wood carver, Mr. George as to whether he finished the bear.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Halloween Decoration Contest**

Chair Frascinella said his wrap up of the contest on registered homes and votes, he really needs somebody who could take on the task of counting the votes as they come in. He said he has a document where he puts in the addresses and emails and 1 table per home to calculate the votes. He said there were 46 votes.

Chair Frascinella said there were two obvious 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners. He said one home on River Road had received 20 votes, and another on Sullivan Drive that got 10 votes. He said the other thing is they only had 7 people registered and the 7<sup>th</sup> person failed to send a photo of the property. Last year, they had 14 properties registered.

Mr. Pelissier said he would hand out flyers for the Christmas concert, and do it sooner than the deadline.

Mr. Rodger asked what is the gift based on and how was it decided. Mr. Pelissier said the people voted. Chair Frascinella said it is advertised through his website and the Town website.

- **Christmas Lighting Contest**

Chair Frascinella asked for the Christmas contest, do they want to just stick with 3 prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place instead of last year, which was 3 prizes for best house, and 3 prizes for best lawn. Mr. Adinolfo said just stick with 3 prizes for best decorations.

Chair Frascinella said the Christmas contest starts November 15<sup>th</sup> and he will send out an announcement a few days beforehand.

**REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - October 13, 2021**

Mr. Pelissier made a Motion to approve the minutes from October 13, 2021 as written. Mr. Adinolfo seconded the Motion.

Roll Call vote was taken.

Chad Pelissier– Aye  
Mike Frascinella- Aye  
Scott McDonald- Aye  
Ron Adinolfo –Aye

The Motion passed.

Chair Frascinella said the Zoning Board would like to reserve the second and fourth Wednesdays if they need them. The Board discussed whether they would keep their scheduled meetings on the same day.

Chair Frascinella said the next meeting will be on November 10, 2021 at the Town Hall.

Mr. Adinolfo made a Motion to adjourn. Mr. Pelissier seconded the Motion.

Roll Call vote was taken.

Chad Pelissier– Aye  
Mike Frascinella- Aye  
Scott McDonald- Aye  
Ron Adinolfo –Aye

The Motion passed.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**October 27, 2021**

**Michael Frascinella, Chairman**



**Date signed**

11/10/21

**Chad Pelissier, Vice Chairman**

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**Date signed**

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**Jeffrey Venegas, Member**

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**Date signed**

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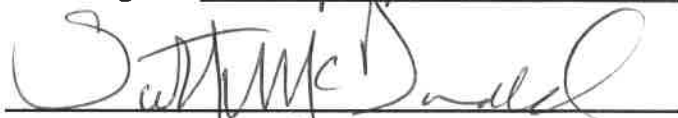
**Ron Adinolfo, Member**



**Date signed**

11/10/2021

**Scott McDonald, Selectman Rep.**



**Date signed**

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