

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

Town Hall

16 School Street

Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275

January 9, 2019

The January 9, 2019 meeting of the Economic Development Committee was called to order by Chairman Mike Frascinella at 6:45 pm. He called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Sandy McKenney, Mike Frascinella, Chad Pelissier

Allenstown staff: Derik Goodine, Town Administrator

**Old Business**

- **Skating Rink:** Discuss with Jeff Venegas the current status of the Parks & Rec. Committee. If staffed, discuss possible collaboration on the skating rink.

Chair Frascinella said that Mr. Venegas has talked about getting the Parks & Rec Committee restarted but hasn't attended the last few meetings to report his progress. He said that their research indicates that the E Z Rink is more expensive than others but has the advantages of a superior design and easy assembly.

- **Skateboard Park:** Discuss with Jeff Venegas if it is possible to collaborate with Parks & Rec on renovating the skateboard ramps. Identify possible indoor locations for renovating the ramps. The Highway Department will transport the ramps once a location is secured.

Chair Frascinella said, regarding the Skateboard project, they are still searching for a destination for the ramps once they are refurbished. Because the convent and its land are going up for sale, that parking lot is probably no longer an option. He suggested looking at a half-acre lot at AES or some areas around ADS.

Mr. Pelissier noted that the School Board seems more interested in the Skateboard Park than the Skating Rink. He asked if there might be space at the Fire Station for young people to work on the ramps. He added that the Police Department does not want the park in a remote location because of surveillance issues. They would prefer it be out in the open.

Mr. Goodine said that setting up the skateboard park doesn't affect insurance rates; it is claims that would be a problem. That's why surveillance is important, not just because of vandalism but also for safety and to discourage dangerous behavior.

Chair Frascinella said that he would contact Ms. Raymond.

- **Online Business Directory:** Review the current listing and discuss ways to get more businesses to register.

Ms. McKenney offered to make some phone calls to businesses and to visit them to encourage them to submit their data.

Mr. Pelissier said that where a company is registered is not necessarily where they are operating.

- **Town Signs:** The proposed sign layout was sent to three vendors for estimates. The submitted designs are to be reviewed and final changes to be agreed upon. Are there local wood carvers to look into?

Chair Frascinella reported that Advantage Signs in Concord's quote is \$5,000 to \$6,000 per sign. Pro Source in Derry is holding to its quote of \$2,500 per sign, installed. Barlo of Hudson has not returned his calls for a bid. He would like to have three bids to conform with the town's purchasing policy.

Mr. Pelissier said that if a third cannot be obtained, an exception can be made.

Committee members next discussed colors, fonts, size and placement of information on the signs.

Chair Frascinella asked if there were local woodcarvers who might craft the bears. That cost is estimated at \$600 for each sign.

**Guide to Starting a Business:** Discuss any progress on this task.

Chair Frascinella concluded that there is no progress to report; this is still an open issue.

#### **New Business**

- **Summer concert at Town Hall: Discuss feasibility, food vendors and musicians.**

Ms. McKenney said that this is a great idea. She asked if Parks & Rec might get involved to help with this.

Mr. Pelissier said that it would be good to get local food vendors. He suggested that Gelinas has good sausage subs; Jacques could sell pastries; Olympus could offer pizza.

Ms. McKenney suggested Jay's chicken tenders.

Mr. Goodine said that it could be 'A Taste of Allentown.'

Mr. Pelissier said that they would have to pay about \$300 to \$400 for a band, and that it should be a recognized, well-liked band such as Club Soda. It would be money well-spent. He said they could charge the food vendors a fee to participate, such as \$25 for an ice cream truck. He agreed that Parks & Rec should get involved.

Ms. McKenney said that the town should get a non-profit going for fundraising, including all group under an umbrella.

Mr. Pelissier agreed, saying that would obviate the need to get permission from the Board of Selectmen for everything.

- **Plan for Grand Opening Ceremonies for Vault Storage Company and Hudson Quarry Corporation. Coordinate with the NH Department of Economic Development.**

Chair Frascinella has contacted Vault Storage about having a grand opening celebration with a ribbon cutting ceremony. They could try to get the Governor to attend and could reach out to the NH

Department of Economic Development for guidance. Chair Frascinella said he has not heard back from Hudson Quarry. He has been trying to talk with Matthew Genest. This company has purchased the Big Jim property.

**Review Previous Meeting Minutes**

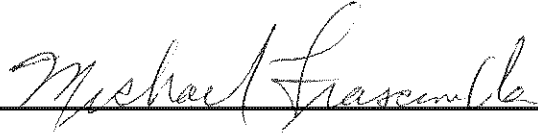
This will be done at the next meeting.

**Schedule the next meeting.**

Chair Frascinella set January 23, 2019 as the date for the next EDC meeting.

On motion of Mr. Pelissier, duly seconded by Ms. McKenney, it was voted to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

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Michael Frascinella, Chairman

Date signed 1/23/19



Chad Pelissier, Member

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Jeffrey Venegas, Member

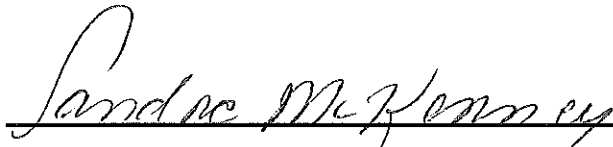
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Thomas Kaempfer, Member

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Ryan Carter, BOS Ex-Officio Member

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Sandra McKenney, BOS Ex-Officio Alternate Member

Date signed 01-23-19