

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Town Hall
16 School Street
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275
February 13, 2019

The February 13, 2019 meeting of the Economic Development Committee was called to order by Chairman Mike Frascinella at 6:32 pm. He called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Sandy McKenney, Mike Frascinella, Chad Pelissier, Jeffrey Venegas

Old Business

- **Parks & Rec Committee:** Discuss with Jeff Venegas the current status of the Parks & Rec Committee. If staffed, discuss possible collaboration on the skating rink.
- **Skateboard Park:** Discuss with Jeff Venegas if the convent paring lot is a feasible location. Also, can we collaborate with P&R on renovating the skateboard ramps? Still need to identify indoor location for renovating the ramps and a final location for installing the renovated ramps.

Mr. Venegas stated that he plans to meet with Mr. Goodine regarding the responsibilities of the Parks & Recreation Committee. He and two other men are interested in serving on the committee and would like to know for what they would be responsible.

Ms. McKenney said that they would oversee the parks, including Volunteers Park, which basically runs itself. They would deal with occasional issues with the Boys & Girls Club at the Community Center. She said that Mr. Goodine deals with day-to-day issues.

Mr. Venegas said that he and the others interested in serving on the committee would like to be creative and initiate new programs.

Mr. Pelissier said that lots of people want to use the Community Center for events such as reunions.

Chair Frascinella said that, hopefully, after the Town Election, the committee will have some money to work with.

Mr. Venegas said they would like to have concerts and perhaps resurrect the "Night of Lights."

Mr. Venegas reported on the use of the convent land for a skateboard park. He said that the main concern of the church is liability. He said it should be fenced in and locked, with the hours posted. The convent location is in the open, which would make it easy for the police to patrol. He said that the equipment is portable and could be moved from the convent property to another, if necessary.

Chair Frascinella said his understanding is that if they don't charge admission, there would be no liability. People would use the park at their own risk. He suggested leasing the land from the church for one dollar a year.

Mr. Pelissier said that locating the skateboard park on the convent land would be a good trial, a way to see how much use the park would have.

Chair Frascinella said that perhaps Mr. Ronnie Pelissier would allow them to use the Highway shed on Saturday mornings to renovate the skateboard equipment.

Mr. Pelissier said there might be more room at the Fire Station.

- **Online Business Directory:** Review the current listings and report on personal contacts with businesses.

No update.

- **Town Signs:** All vendors have submitted sample signs. The second vendor has provided updated estimates for machined/HDU signs and aluminum/vinyl signs.

Ms. McKenney said that she likes the staggered bears.

Chair Frascinella said that the bears weigh 100 pounds each, so they need to be sure that the poles will support them. He said that Advantage Signs in Concord has been ruled out because the estimate is significantly higher than the others. Pro Source in Derry has quoted \$2,450 for a single-sided sign and \$3,450 for a two-sided sign. The signs would last ten years or more. Barlo Signs of Hudson offers signs made of vinyl on aluminum which would last five to seven years. He said that on a cost per year basis, Pro Source is less expensive than Barlo.

Mr. Pelissier said that they could make smaller signs for Main Street and Deerfield Road, each with just one small bear. These could be secondary projects.

Mr. Venegas suggested checking with Barlo Signs to see if they would be able to use the same materials as Pro Source.

Mr. Venegas said that Chair Frascinella should be proud of the work he did on the property tax exemption because of the resulting new businesses. He said Allenstown should have a Facebook page.

Mr. Pelissier said that a town Facebook page was discussed at the February 11, 2019 BOS meeting.

Mr. Venegas said he has packets of information about making a Facebook page, adding that Town website items could be linked to the Facebook page.

Plans for Grand Opening Ceremonies

Chair Frascinella said that Hudson Quarry plans to open in May and that he has been unable to get in touch with Vault Storage Company.

Mr. Pelissier said that he has a contact there and he will reach out.

Chair Frascinella said that he has been in contact with Deb Avery of the NH Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau. He said they might be able to get the Governor to attend.

Mr. Pelissier suggested getting in touch with Mr. Monahan of the SNHRPC.

- **Summer Concert at Town Hall:** Local food vendors or food trucks? Suggestions for musicians.

No update.

Schedule the next meeting

Chair Frascinella set the next meeting for February 27, 2019. He said they would also meet the day after the Town Election.

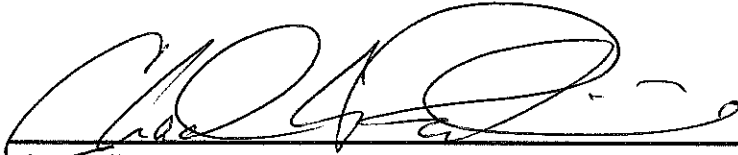
Ms. McKenney made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Venegas and carried unanimously.

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Michael Frascinella, Chairman

Date signed 4/24/19



Chad Pelissier, Member

Date signed 4/24/19

Jeffrey Venegas, Member

Date signed _____

Vacant

Date signed _____



Ryan Carter, BOS Ex-Officio Member

Date signed 4/24/19

Sandra McKenney, BOS Ex-Officio Alternate Member Date signed _____