

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Town Hall 16 School Street**  
**Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275**  
**May 13, 2020**

The May 13, 2020 virtual meeting of the Economic Development Committee was called to order by Chairman Mike Frascinella at 6:44 pm. He called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Chad Pelissier, Scott McDonald, Mike Frascinella

Town Staff: Derik Goodine, Town Administrator

As Chair of the Allenstown Economic Development Committee, I, Mike Frascinella, find that, due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means: We are utilizing a Conference Call line, and Zoom Video Conferencing. We will also be attempting to use Facebook Live as long as bandwidth allows, as a redundant video source for this electronic meeting. All members of the Economic Development Committee have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through one of these platforms, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting.

**Old Business**

- **Allenstown Flags:** Selectmen have approved the purchase of 12 U.S. flags for installation on School and Main Streets. Eversource is to be contacted about the status of our application for use of utility poles.

Chair Frascinella said he called his Eversource contact and learned he had been out of the office for two weeks, but will check on Allenstown's application. The Selectboard approve the expense of \$530.00 for the flags and the Highway Department has been asked to help with the installation.

- **Hometown Heroes Banners:** Matthew Wieczhalek-Seiler has completed the banner for Wayne Martel; location to be determined. EDC is still seeking a source for names of Allenstown veterans KIA from WWII forward. Any other sponsors?

Chair Frascinella reported that the banner purchased by Wayne Martel has been completed. It will be placed somewhere on School Street.

Mr. Pelissier suggested placing it in front of Town Hall.

Chair Frascinella agreed with that location. He said he is disappointed that they have had no more orders and have had no help finding names.

Mr. Pelissier said that people might show more interest once they see the first one installed.

- **2020 Concerts:** Crazy Steve & Friends Concert rescheduled to Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Yard signs need to be reworked.

Chair Frascinella reported the rescheduling of the Crazy Steve Concert until June 28<sup>th</sup>. He said that Maine has extended its stay-at-home order through the end of June, which means other New England states might do the same.

- **Walking Tour of Historic Homes:** Review current booklet layout and the list of historic sites. Need current photos of all sites.

Chair Frascinella stated that he has been reviewing discrepancies with Claudette Verville. For example, one source says the Library was built in 1922 and another says 1934. It was first in the home of Mary Kenison. However, three women with that name are reported as dying within a few years of each other. The home is now the Bear Brook Stables. There is a Kenison Corner East Cemetery mentioned. Chair Frascinella said that records indicate that Osgood's sawmill was sold to the Baileys, and then a boiler blew up and killed many people. The sawmills, he said, had their own trains.

Mr. Pelissier said that a map on the second floor of Town Hall shows the locations of the sawmills in the town.

Chair Frascinella next said that there is nothing left to show where the railroad turntable was located, but it looks like the power lines were built on the line of the railroad tracks.

- **Proclamation for Retiring Doctor Albee:** Update from Mr. McDonald on when we might hold the ceremony.

Mr. McDonald said that the doctor and his wife are back in town, per their son Andrew. He will have the proclamation ready for review tomorrow or the next day. Mr. Goodine has the paper, he said, and he will order a frame from Amazon. He said they would like to have the ceremony when people can be face-to-face without masks. He will invite the same two reporters he had for the previous presentation. Dr. Albee, he said, is very outgoing and has done a lot for folks around here. The family is very excited about this.

- **Park Passes:** Review with Mr. Venegas when the library might re-open and be able to offer passes.

Chair Frascinella said he spoke with Mr. Venegas, who could not attend this evening, and he said the Library remains closed and cannot purchase the passes to offer to patrons until it opens.

## New Business

- **Blueberry Express Mural:** Expecting estimate from Sheryl Bentley, local artist, for a 10 X 5-foot mural.

Chair Frascinella said he has been thinking that an outdoor mural would be better than an indoor one because many more people would see it. He said it might be possible to have it on an outer wall of one of the schools. Ms. Bentley gave a range of \$1,147.00 to \$2,860.00. Chair Frascinella shared a sketch he made, a collage of the places which the Blueberry Express passed. It started at the Allentown Depot, now the home of Mr. & Mrs. Verville on Deerfield Road, and it ended at the turntable near China Mill. It passed at least four historic places. The train operated from 1851 until 1952. A steam engine was built in 1927, replaced by diesel in 1949, just three years before ceasing operation.

Mr. Goodine noted that three people were joining the meeting via Facebook: Linda Lee Gagnon-Thibeault, Andrea King and Shawn Dumont.

Chair Frascinella said another historic site would be at the corner of School and Valley Streets where there is a sign.

Mr. Goodine and Chair Frascinella discussed the route of the Blueberry Express.

Chair Frascinella asked if the mural could be funded by the capital reserve account.

Mr. Goodine said that it definitely could be. He said this is the type of thing for which the fund was established.

Chair Frascinella suggested placing the mural at ARD on the far-left wall.

Mr. Goodine said that building might become private or even taken down.

Chair Frascinella said he heard that the move to Three Rivers was not happening. He said another possible location would be the second story of Town Hall, where screening could be used to get light through the windows. He also mentioned Sully's, although it is privately owned.

Mr. Goodine said that the murals in Keene and Manchester are on private walls.

Chair Frascinella said they need to decide what they want the mural to look like and where to put it.

Mr. Goodine suggested the blasted-out rock wall over the Circle K.

Chair Frascinella said that would be dramatic.

Mr. McDonald suggested the white wall between Dunkin Donuts and the pizza restaurant. He said it would have to be high enough to discourage defacing.

Mr. Pelissier suggested the Police Station.

Mr. Goodine said there are probably too many windows there.

Chair Frascinella said he would scan and email his sketch to the Committee members. He asked them to keep looking for locations for the mural.

Mr. McDonald said the State Arts Council has competitive grants.

Mr. Goodine said this would require a public hearing at some point.

- **Drive-In Movies:** A blue sky idea from the Town Administrator, using the open lot at the front of Allenstown Aggregate. Estimates: Outdoor 135-inch (11.25 feet diameter) screen from Best Buy @ \$277.00; Rented 26-foot screen and all gear @ \$799.00; Air screen (inflatable screen only) 30 X 17 feet @ \$12,941.00.

Mr. Goodine said that Sully's parking lot might be a good location for the event, or they might get permission from Allenstown Aggregate to use their huge graveled area. He said they should be able to indemnify them. He said that blow-up screens are expensive, and they might check with JPI Pyro.

Chair Frascinella said that the Best Buy screen is \$800.00.

Mr. Goodine said they would need to check with the State regarding any regulations for this, and they would need porta-potties. He also suggested that Mr. Pelissier could build an 8 X 12 plywood screen. The projector would be \$400.00.

Mr. McDonald suggested using one of the concrete practice walls used for athletics.

Mr. Pelissier said he found a 24-foot inflatable screen on line for \$325.00.

Chair Frascinella said there may be a license fee.

Mr. Goodine said that if they don't charge an admission fee, there should not be a copyright issue, and since the equipment will last and be used for more than five years, this is a capital expense.

Chair Frascinella said they might use a transmitter so that viewers could have the sound on their car radios.

Mr. Goodine said that the total cost for the equipment would be about \$12,000.00, including a transmitter for \$300.00; a projector for \$400.00; a screen for \$325.00; and a Blu-Ray disc player for \$100.00.

Mr. McDonald said this could be used as a complement to the concerts. He also suggested theme nights for the movies.

Chair Frascinella said the screen would have to be three to five feet off the ground.

Mr. Goodine said they do not have signs for the movie events, but could use other outlets to get the word out.

Mr. McDonald asked about taping over the concert signs.

Mr. Goodine said he has thought about having prisoners rework the signs.

Chair Frascinella said he would present the drive-in movie idea to the Selectboard at their Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. He asked Mr. Goodine to prepare a list of the items and costs.

### **Review Previous Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Pelissier made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2020 meeting as written. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Chad Pelissier - Aye

Scott McDonald - Aye

Mike Frascinella – Aye

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. McDonald made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Mr. Pelissier seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Chad Pelissier - Aye

Scott McDonald - Aye

Mike Frascinella – Aye

The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
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**Michael Frascinella, Chairman**

  
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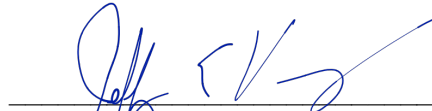
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**Chad Pelissier, Member**

  
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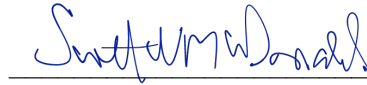
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