

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Town Hall 16 School Street
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275
September 24, 2020

The September 24, 2020 meeting of the Economic Development Committee was called to order by Chairman Mike Frascinella at 6:40 pm.

Chair Frascinella called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Jeffrey Venegas, Mike Frascinella, Scott McDonald, Chad Pelissier
Jaye Wallace participated remotely.

Town Staff: Derik Goodine, Town Administrator

OLD BUSINESS

- **Proclamation for Retiring Doctor Albee:** Review ceremony for Dr. Albee on Sept. 21 at Community Center

Mr. McDonald stated that the ceremony for Dr. Albee went very well. A large group attended and the family was pleased. Mr. McDonald said he is proud that Allenstown did this.

- **2020 Fall Concert:** Review the concert – what went well, what did not

Chair Frascinella stated that the Crazy Steve concert started shaky but people kept coming and there were about 70 attendees in total. He said that the ice cream truck was scheduled but the vendor could not make it due to illness.

Mr. Venegas asked about the Fire Department food concession.

Chair Frascinella said that they did well. He said they need to be more aggressive about getting the ARD middle school involved.

Mr. Venegas said he agreed. The Student Council has not been elected yet.

Chair Frascinella said there is still pervasive panic about the virus. It is overblown. Only a small number of children have been infected.

Mr. McDonald said that this is a serious virus but not as contagious as H1N1 or SARS.

Mr. Venegas asked how they could improve for the next series of concerts.

Chair Frascinella said they need activities for kids.

- **American Flags:** Report from Mr. Pelissier on when the additional flags are to be installed

Chair Frascinella reported that he and Mr. Pelissier decided it is too late in the season to put up the additional American flags they ordered and received. They will be stored until Spring.

- **Movie Night:** Determine logistics of equipment setup, operation, and breakdown

Mr. Venegas asked if everything had been tested.

Mr. Goodine said that, when this meeting adjourns, he wants the Committee members to join him in testing everything in the dark. He also asked the Committee members to meet at 5:30 pm on Sunday evening to help with setup.

- **Welcome Banners:** Due to low funds, the purchase is to be delayed

Chair Frascinella said that their allotment of operating funds is low, and the Finance Director does not approve of using capital reserve funds for this purchase.

- **Hometown Heroes Banners:** Several more residents have offered to sponsor banners

Chair Frascinella reported four or five new inquiries about the Hometown Heroes Banners. He said he was experiencing problems with the remote server and the 'miserable' user interface, but can now connect with the EDC remote email account and provide a name to the Hooksett Rotary.

- **Park Passes:** Report from Mr. Venegas on pass usage

Mr. Venegas report that 16 passes have been checked out of the Library for Bear Brook State Park visits.

Chair Frascinella said they do not have consistent staffing at the Catamount Pond entrance so admittance is based on the honor system. They do have staff at the Podunk Road entrance, he said.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Sign for Town Hall Lawn:** Waiting until the local troop has identified a candidate scout

Chair Frascinella stated that the pack leader only has a couple of members now, so there is no one looking for an Eagle project. When the sign was made 12 years ago it was a big project and took a long time.

- **Halloween Lighting Contest:** Review current plan based on last year's Christmas event; a few homes are already decorated

Mr. Venegas asked if children will be Trick or Treating this year.

Mr. Goodine said he is waiting for guidance from Primex regarding insurance.

Chair Frascinella said he has seen some lights and decorations already.

Mr. Venegas said that the Committee should decide if they want to have just one category for Best House or if they wanted an additional category.

Mr. McDonald asked Mr. Venegas if he could have some posters made by the middle school students to announce the contest.

Mr. Venegas said he could do that.

A caller suggested that Sam's Club memberships would be good prizes.

Ms. Wallace suggested gas cards for prizes.

Chair Frascinella suggested that they announce the contest on Sunday, September 27th. People wishing to be part of the contest would register online, providing their name and address. Two weeks later on October 11th, voting could begin, with trophies and prizes awarded at a ceremony on Friday evening, October 30th for first, second and third place.

Mr. Venegas asked if they could have a fire pit on the evening of the awards.

Ms. Wallace suggested using a propane-fueled device.

Mr. Venegas said that was a great idea because it would be safer and they would not have to keep adding wood. He also suggested a spooky story contest for the kids, with the winning story being read at the award ceremony.

Mr. Venegas said that they will be able to do more with Parks & Rec now that Jaye Wallace has agreed to work on that committee.

- **Fishing Bear for Boat Launch:** Awaiting a design from the wood carver

Chair Frascinella said there is nothing new with the fishing bears. He said it is late in the season and they are running out of funds.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Chair Frascinella said there were no minutes to review.

SCHEDULE THE NEXT MEETING

Chair Frascinella announced that the next meeting will be held on October 14, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Goodine suggested that they adjourn to work on the Movie Night project.

Chair Frascinella made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

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Michael Frascinella, Chairman

Date signed _____

Chad Pelissier, Member

Date signed _____

Jeffrey Venegas, Member

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Scott McDonald, Member

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