



Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes August 15, 2018

Charlie opened the meeting at 6:05 pm

Committee members in attendance:

Charlie Albano – Chair

Will Minsinger – Resident

Emma Bates - Resident

Absent: Neil Nevins - Business Owner, Nancy Martin – Conservation Commission, Peter Anderson - Planning Board, Bret Ingold - Resident/Business Owner, Sarah Hansen - Agricultural, Clyde Carson - Selectman's Representative, Joe Mendola - Business Owner

1. Meeting Minutes

Emma noted that she and Sarah were not listed on the July 18 minutes. Other than the missing names, no other corrections were noted and Emma made a motion to accept the minutes for July 18. Will seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

2. Committee Membership

Charlie noted that there are 2 vacancies and if anyone knows of anyone interested to make a recommendation.

3. September Meeting

Charlie said Emma will cover the September meeting. Charlie will create a draft agenda.

4. Survey Results

- A. Charlie recommended a November public meeting to talk about the survey results and goals of the Committee. Additional comments at the meeting will be asked for regarding the use of the Fire Station after it's vacated. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall.
- B. Emma explained the survey data has been entered into the google survey which is now in a power point presentation. Emma recommends her and Charlie sitting down and going through the comments to include key comments in the presentation. A printed version can be ready for the September meeting. The total amount of surveys received back is 139. Charlie recommended the next survey should be sent with the tax bills.
- C. Charlie brought in a news article from Nashua, a brewery leased out a fire station.

5. Mission Statement

- A. Charlie talked about how the Committee does not have a mission statement, just some goals and objectives. Charlie looked at what Neil Nevins provided to him. Neil is working with a couple of groups in Maine to look at economic development from a community standpoint. The mission statement Neil sent Charlie reads as follows:

Helping to maintain and improve the quality of life in our community by supporting a strong local economy and culture that is based on thriving independent businesses and nonprofit/community based organizations and services that foster the traditional heritage and character of Warner.

- B. Charlie is recommending the Committee have a mission statement and will revisit this idea at future meetings.

6. Mural

Charlie said Bret created an outline on how to proceed to create a long lasting mural on the building that houses The Local that says something about Warner. The 250th town anniversary is being looked at as well. Emma, Charlie and Will threw around some ideas.

7. Website

The Committee will meet with the Selectmen on August 27 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall to talk about which website designer will be chosen.

8. RSA 79 - E

Charlie talked about the July meeting where a representative from Central NH Regional Planning Commission talked about RSA 79-E. The town has adopted RSA 79-E but it is not sure if the town identified and adopted the boundaries. The area originally focused on is located in the Village/Downtown area. Planning Board Chair, Ben Frost is going to help the Committee.

9. Exit 9 Land

Charlie has learned that the property behind the park & ride and the property across the street from the park & ride has changed hands. Charlie would like to meet with those property owners to have a dialog on what the town would like to see there.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at about 7:00 pm.

Recorder of the minutes: Mary Whalen