

August 20, 2015

This letter shall serve as the Economic Development Committee minutes from the committee meeting held July 27, 2015, Fryeburg Town Office.

Present at meeting: Nancy Kiesman, Donna Woodward, David Chaffee, Janice Crawford, Sharon Jackson.

- Call to order 7:00 PM by Committee Chair, Nancy Kiesman declared a quorum.
- Minutes from June 29 meeting were accepted as presented.
- Mission Statement as presented was accepted, no discussion.

Insertion - Meeting Notes by Committee Chair, Nancy Kiesman (non-edited)

7/27/15 meeting minutes

Downtown Revitalization application package, letter of intent to apply – committee to review for next meeting – more time to inform the public, provide transparency for the public, reference Gray and Bridgton improvements

Sharon to email list of prospective grants for EDC to consider

Mia – WMEDC Program Manager – provide suggested list of businesses to focus our efforts

Read Town Ordinances – Kent, chair of Planning Board – will attend next meeting to provide his map of town showing industrial zone, what is suitable for development. Need to consider roads, zoning electric, sewer not an issue – where, how, what areas “Severely development constrained” “In 100 year flood plain 60% of town is under water!” Islands of land in the water.

Read town use ordinances, Comprehensive Plan, State EDC – how to develop long term economic development.

EDC binder in preparation – will have by next meeting

Nancy – attend planning board meeting, provide summary

Donna – attend budget meeting, provide summary

David to address working in conjunction with FBA, provide summary of meeting

Janice – attend water district meeting, provide summary

Jeff – member of Rec Dept

Sharon – State, Cemetery committee, Appeals Board as needed, Parks Committee periodical, Airport, provide summary

Janice – attend water district meeting, provide summary

Donna, Janice, Jeff – Mt Washington Valley Collaborative

Touring local businesses to get input re: ease or difficulty working with municipality (Dollar General, Subway, Saco River Brewery), what can be improved, infrastructure, ordinances, why Fryeburg and not another town, welcome new business to town

Marketing the town – historical, agricultural, education, create tourist interest – Jockey cap, historical bldg tour,

Improvement to gateways to our community – Donna to speak with Hastings re:

improving/cleaning up the old rest area at state line, obtaining sponsorship to make the area attractive again; roadside signs approaching Information center – state property, mow down overgrowth for better visibility to Fryeburg Fair sign, Rotary sign, etc.

Provide meeting dates, times, summaries of meetings for the public to attend, read about in Town Matters (Fryeburg – Donna), Conway Daily Sun – Michele O’Donnal (Community Calendar), E-newsletter, “Constant Contact”, “Mail Chimp”

Invite to a meeting: Diane Jackson, Department of Economic and Community Development for Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties; Brian Doyle for Aroostook County. Glen Holmes - Director of the Western Maine Economic Development Council, the business and economic development organization for Oxford County, Maine.

New Business

- A discussion around public communication was a topic as mentioned in notes above, challenged “as the key” to be what our committee stands for in the public eyes. We have to have public communication.
- Also noted to seek understanding from resources such as State Offices of Economic Development.
- What will be the marketing plan?
- Visiting public reminder “public meeting vs. meeting for public”
- Meeting Adjourn approximately 8:15 PM

Respectfully,