

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes from the meeting held on
Tuesday, January 29, 2019
6:30pm - 8:00pm

ATTENDEES: Kat Carpenter, Janice Pack, Linda Gray, Laura Hedrick, Doreen Adams, Ray Cilley, Heath Mitchell, Roger Lessard, Andre Wood

The attendees went around the table and introduced themselves, and added what they hoped the EDAC could do.

Ideas like Connectivity, building commerce and building relationships, and building a better downtown were discussed.

Andre recalled that back in EDAC's inception they tried to figure out what was stopping businesses from coming into Greenfield. One of the biggest drawbacks was high speed internet, so the EDAC spent a lot of time trying to figure out how to make that happen. He would still like to figure out how to get new businesses into Greenfield.

Building connections between existing businesses and existing Boards and Committees is important. Having small places like a café or place to get your hair cut would create a place for communication to begin.

The Charter was discussed, and then the group moved on to a discussion of what nights were good for meetings. It was decided that the Committee will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noticed. The meetings will be held from 6:30 to approximately 8:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on February 26, 2019.

Janice said that she would take the Secretary role until Town Meeting, and Andre will be the Vice Chair. Kat will remain Chair.

Kat told the Committee that she had connected with the Wilton EcoDev Committee, and wrote a letter to show Greenfield's support of resurrecting the train. Some members of the Committee remembered when the train used to run, and coordinating other events around the train's arrival could be something that EDAC could do.

It was noted that one of the problems the former restaurant had was that the cost of the community septic became prohibitive. Perhaps we could look into that.

Kat suggested that another recommendation that EDAC could make is to revive the Recreation Department. Bringing committees and boards together is key.

Kat mentioned a few other goals including going through the Charrette and adjusting it to what really works for Greenfield.

44 ***ACTION ITEM: Ray will bring the name of a professional grant writer to the next***
45 ***meeting.***

46 Another EDAC goal has been a Koffee Klatch to bring businesses together. This idea had
47 been almost brought to fruition – but then the restaurant closed. We talked about student
48 volunteers, and updating the business directory.

49 The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

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