

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Preliminary Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Janice Pack

January 15, 2018

Members Present: Paul Renaud, Jack Moran, Kat Carpenter, Andre Wood**Meeting Opened:** 7:00 PM**The Minutes** of December 18, 2017 were reviewed. Two additions were made:

Line 36: Add "The legal opinion was "No, the Town can't get the exemption in advance."" after the question.

Line 58: Add "the" before "EDAC"

A motion to accept the Minutes as amended was made by PRenaud, and seconded by KCarpenter. All were in favor; motion passed.

Mail:

No mail was received.

Review and Comment: 2017 EDAC Annual Report

The Committee reviewed PRenaud's proposed submission for the Town Report, and approved it without any changes.

USDA Grant ApplicationPRenaud said that the Letter of Intent was sent, the deadline is February 15th, and we believe Aaron Patt is writing the application with the assistance of Robert Marshall. At this point, it is unclear what the grant is specifically for other than to further the Recreational characteristics of the Town, or if we should be meeting with the Greenfield Trails Association (GTA).

AWood suggested that a conversation with the GTA just to get a feeling of where they might want to go with this could be helpful. JMoran said it's still unclear if the GTA is being considered. KCarpenter suggested we write a letter to APatt and RMarshall to state that we would like to review the letter and application if we will be asked to be involved. AWood stated if we're going to be called upon to implement this, bring us in now so we can be on board. A letter was written and will be brought to the next Select Board meeting. A copy was placed in APatt's mailbox.

Business Outreach: Event Planning

KCarpenter shared her written ideas and outline for the smaller "coffee klatches" to be held here at the Town Hall on regular meeting nights before we open the meeting. As advertising in The Spirit is important, we would not be able to hold the first one until April. She would like to write a blurb regarding finding the student volunteers who might like to help out with the project in exchange for community service hours. AWood said the Library is another good place to look for student volunteers. The next step would be to work through the Business Directory to find some interested business people to come in. JMoran has a couple of business people who are interested, and could be invited to the next meeting to talk about this further. PRenaud asked if we are still looking to hire someone to manage the Trade Show. JMoran felt that we do need to hire someone as all of the Committee members are very busy.

On the topic of the next meeting, it will be held on Wednesday, January 31st at 6:00 PM.**ITIF Report on State New Economy Index: Discussion of Consequences**

PRenaud said we will table this discussion for our next meeting.

EDAC Items in Master Plan Implementation

This will be discussed at our next meeting.

54 PRenaud asked when we wanted to have Consolidated Communications come in. We were looking for answers
55 on what they intended to do in Greenfield. KCarpenter suggested that we invite them to the Trade Show.
56 PRenaud wanted to have them speak to us sooner than that. He will contact them next month and invite them
57 to our March meeting.
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59 KCarpenter moved to adjourn the meeting; PRenaud seconded and all were in favor.
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61 **The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.**

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