

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Attendees: Terri Pastori, Andrew White, Nicholas Del'Etoile , James Morgan, George Sioras, Craig Cunningham

Chrissy Gossel absent, congratulations- baby

2 Open positions.

August 15<sup>th</sup> Minutes. One adjustment, Steve Daly was present.

George motion to approve, , Jim second. Streetscape is separate issue. Workshop with EDAC, planning board, and town council is one item. Streetscape is separate. Unanimous approval.

Exit 4A info meeting 09/27/2016 at 7:00 PM. Info meeting put on by NH DOT.

Workshop Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup>, with planning board, town council and EDAC.

Jim Morgan – TC is reviewing 6 proposals for EDM. Plan to make decision at October Meeting. Buxton to be voted on 09/20/16.

2 Openings on EDAC apply at Town Website.

Downtown Art Festival October 1<sup>st</sup> Downtown between Cask and Vine and Sabatinos.

New Derry Farmers Market will be at Art Show to promote.

Two local cupcake vendors, Sandra's (6<sup>th</sup>) and Carina's (2) on WMUR top cupcake contest.

Request that Survey go before TC in October so that we can move forward.

Nick reported on FB page and concept of developing a promo video. A meeting will be set with Town IT group to discuss Website changes.

Land Use, - George indicated to no point in moving forward until after joint meeting next week.

Choose New Hampshire – Drew reported on state analytical tool to pull together data on many different metrics such as spending dollars available using business data. Drew will do a demo on the site for the committee at some future date.

Food and hospitality committee is awaiting additional info, ie Buxton and results of survey to move forward.

Commercial & Industrial - Drew – 44 Properties for lease in Town, 29 Properties for sale. 230 Rockingham Road is for sale for 3+ Million. There is some overlap on for sale and for lease.

Downtown Committee – Talked about having business owners come in. Team has talked about signage, Holiday promotion, and whether town should go back to more decorations. Would like to have business owners at EDAC in October to get feedback. Terri will check on room availability to have a special meeting based on committee feedback.

Octoberfest, consider for 2018.

George asked about Farmers Market beginning next summer. Group has been working since April and will meet with EDAC when they are ready. They had a booth at Derryfest to solicit vendors and survey community. This will be a completely new market with a different group of people.

Business Assistance and incentives – Scott has been very busy with Smash

Drew indicated that Chrysler has purchased land on 28 bypass directly across from Linlew, they have 8 months to complete due diligence.

Property Maintenance Committee – Three store fronts, Antique Shop, Comic Shop and Home Improvement Contractor. Progress with absentee landlords. Town is continuing to work on enforcement of ordinances, occupancy is not sufficient, building has to be brought up to standard. Comic store will be high end, not used comic books.

Business meeting for Rockingham Economic Development Board had their meeting here last week, a member of the committee from the Seacoast complemented Derry's Progress.

Planning Board – George, 2 weeks from today Toll House café will meet with site plan. Liquid Blue has signed P&S they are moving forward. Carina's is moving in October to old butcher shop on crystal ave.

Net Zero is meeting on Thursday.

Alan Shephard Project: Marie Mannion and Jennifer Gauthier. NH Aviation Museum will be fiscal sponsor so that group can begin to raise funding and develop 501C 3. Group will need to raise 50K to build base and statue.

3 Site choices currently under consideration, Shephard Conservation Land in East Derry, deed does not allow statue. Amendment of deed requires TC approval and then has to work its way through NH Charitable Trusts. McGregor Park, and Don Ball Park.

Jim Morgan favors Hampstead Road. McGregor Park should be maintained for Veterans.

Parking at Hampstead Road site could be issue. Group has not made contact with Upper Village Hall, and other abutters.

Sites were chosen to facilitate outdoor learning.

Terri will post slides to our website. EDAC will discuss at next meeting. Steve Daly is collecting opinions so that TC can make decision. Group wants a decision quickly.

Committee discussed need to review details so that an informed decision can be made. Jim Morgan indicated that the Council needs to get an answer on go forward or not, that can be on agenda for discussion at second Council Meeting in October.

Candidates come to EDAC meeting...decision bring elected officials in so that we are not on the slippery slope of being involved in political campaigns. Perhaps we can also have them come in periodically to update us. Chamber holds bi-annual breakfasts for elected officials.

By-Laws: Town is developing social media policy. Hold for final determination on Town Social Media Policy.

Public Comment: None.

Next meeting October 17<sup>th</sup>.

George: Logistic, November meeting is Monday before Thanksgiving, and December meeting is the 19<sup>th</sup> and could be attendance issue.

Jim Morgan – can we demonstrate successes on website to show what is happening chronologically and to demonstrate work by committee and others. Can we get a tax basis increase number to tie to success? Rochester has reporting and tracking to show results. We should consider similar reporting and tracking.

George – Motion to adjourn at 8:35. PM

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