

Bi-Town Economic Development Committee

January 3, 2013

Minutes

Present: Adam Grinold, Charles LaFiura, Ken Black, Ryan Holton, Gretchen Havreluk, Meg Streeter, Scott Murphy, Laura Sibilia, Lori Newton, Tom Consolino, Randy Terk, Dawn Baxter

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by Adam Grinold, Chair

1. **Review Minutes of November 1, 2012 and December 6, 2012** – Change was made to 12/6/12 minutes where Streeter was quoted as saying that Wilmington would not fund economic development position. Minutes were amended to state that Wilmington is funding their part-time Economic Development position. Streeter motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Havreluk seconded. Vote: All in favor
2. **Town of Dover Update on Economic Goals for 2013:**
 - Working on budget process for next fiscal year
 - Architectural landscape study for Rte. 100 Corridor and Town Common.
 - Creation of park on one acre parcel near 7-11 on Rte. 100
 - Trail System – concentrating on area from Mountain Park Plaza to the Firehouse along Rt. 100
 - Possibly work on expanding cell service in East Dover
 - Business Revitalization Program, “Do It” - rebates Dover business owners who have store fronts along well travelled roads to help improve the outside appearance and make look more appealing (painting, fencing, signs). There is an application on the Town’s website and applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. One half of the monies have already been allocated. Applications will be accepted through the end of June and work must be completed by October. All receipts must be turned in by the end of the year.
3. **Town of Wilmington Update on Economic Goals for 2013:**
 - Continued focus on Irene recovery and rebuild efforts
 - West Main Street Parking Project
 - Pedestrian Bridge to create walking trail to HT & W will be complete in spring
 - Hire a permanent Economic Development person to work twenty hours per week
 - Continue work on temporary cell tower
 - Increase high speed data availability
 - Downtown Designation
 - Let voters decide at Town Meeting what to do with the \$58,700 from the 1% option tax
4. **Update on Long Term Community Recovery Projects:** Laura Sibilia reviewed Economic Development, Infrastructure, Housing, Health & Human Services, Historic Village and Natural Resource & Recreation projects that are currently underway and what progress has been made. The LTCR Steering Committee has been meeting on a regular basis to help coordinate various projects and keep things moving forward. They continue to report back to both Selectboards.

5. Establish Goals for 2013 – The following is a synopsis of the ideas that were discussed:

- Create one trail connecting both towns. Using old roads may be easier than obtaining Public Right of Ways. Trails have been a priority for many years. Develop map and work plan. Gretchen and Scott will work on getting an RFP together in conjunction with Ken Black. Establish scope of what is to be accomplished and what needs to be done and what the estimated costs would be to implement.
- Mt. Snow may be willing to help with trail after Westlake permitting process.
- Work with Trail Committees from both towns
- Possibly work with Mt. Snow to create a bike trail along Handle/Coldbrook Roads.
- Wilmington may consider implementing program similar to Dover's "Do it" program
- Establish how Valley will be marketed
- Get support of USDA Grant application (#8 of Mullin) in order to create a brand for the Valley

Streeter motioned and Terk seconded to support the USDA grant application. Vote: All in favor

Terk motioned to adjourn and Streeter seconded. Vote: all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.