

Bi-Town Economic Development Committee
Thursday May 1, 2014 8:00-9:00 am
Wilmington Town Offices

Attendance: Ryan Holton, Ken Black, Heidi Taylor, Randy Terk, Jim Burke, Jake White, Laurie Newton, Carlo Pilgrim, Adam Grinold, Laura Sibilia, Scott Murphy, Pat Weisbrich and Gretchen Havreluk

Trail Update

Map- Final edits are being made by Jeff Nugent at WRC. Kiosk maps will be laminated and printing small hand maps through Minute Man Press.

Plans for 2014 Grand Opening- Laurie Newton is going to write a press release. Pat presented several potential designs for a euro sticker. Ken will order the stickers with the new approved sticker. Gretchen contacted Jack Deming from the Valley News, Chris Mays from the Reformer, and Peter Case from WKVT to do a Valley Trail Story.

Kiosk- Ken will contact Travis Wendell on the progress of the kiosk. We need the Kiosk by May 16th for placement in time for the grand opening.

Signage- Jake will work on signage for Haystack area

Sure Packing Trail- Jake reported that John Gannon is working on a meeting with Jim Barnes, Scott Murphy, John Greene, and Jake White for discussion of where Sure Packing can be done on the trail property owned by or easement access of The Hermitage Club. From this discussion the Wilmington Select Board will be informed and an Act 250 Attorney will be asked for an opinion. Jim Burke suggested moving cautiously. Ryan Holton requested that any eventual construction not be done during high visitor use of the trail.

Other Trail- There has been discussion amongst property owners, primarily business owners creating spurs from the trail. John McLeod wants to put picnic tables out at his location and the Nutmeg Inn would also like to create a space. Laurie also suggested that we have website for the trail or a link to the map and even an App would be great. Gretchen will work on getting the maps up on the town websites. Ken is working on Google maps.

Training Committee Update:

Plans- Unfortunately, Gretchen has not been able to arrange a meeting for this group to get started. Carlo will initiate a meeting and will include: Laurie Newton, Thorin Magbie Director of Human Resources at Mount Snow, Heidi Taylor, Laura Sibilia, and Adam Grinold Executive Director of Wilmington Works.

Updates:

Wilmington– No update

Dover- AT&T cell tower being delayed to July. A VTel tower for broadband coverage is being placed on Rice Road. Ken is unsure of pricing from VTel. Valley Trail along Route 100 is going slowly, in the process of right of way phase; hopefully next spring they will begin construction. Working on a grant for the A section (Toll Gate Plaza to Dorr Fitch Road).

Mount Snow- Laurie reported that Tough Mudder is May 31st-June 1st. They had a very strong February making the season in all better than the previous year.

Hermitage Club- No update

SeVEDS- Many projects in the works. Pat Moulton is leaving her position as Director of BDCC to become the Vermont Secretary of the Agency of Commerce & Community Development; therefore there are some leadership changes within the next few months. A new round of CEDS projects will be due by early summer.

Chamber- In search for a new director. Fiddlehead Festival is Memorial Day Weekend...with lots of events planned around this. Also, the Blueberry Festival at the end of July and the Wine & Harvest Festival in September. Working on the Cohesive Marketing & Branding grant for the Valley. Arnett, Muldrow & Associates were hired as the consulting firm for the project. The Steering Committee is working on several round table discussions with key stakeholders.

Other Business:

Vice Chair- Due to Adam's new position with Wilmington Works we need to elect a new vice chair. Ken Black volunteered for the position. 2nd by Laurie and all in favor.

Bi-Town Seats- Ryan suggested that Wilmington Works has a seat at Bi-Town; however was agreed that it would have to balance with a Dover seat. The Charge would also have to be rewritten. Was agreed that we would table for now and Adam would be attending meetings when available to provide updates on Wilmington Works.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen M. Havreluk