

Bi-Town Economic Development Committee

Thursday October, 2 2014 8:00-9:00 am

Attendance: Ryan Holton, Ken Black, Carlo Pilgrim, Dale Ribaldo, ,Gretchen Havreluk, Meg Streeter, Laurie Newton, Joe Szarejko Adam Grinold, Scott Murphy, and Sharon Cunningham

Hi speed internet. Ken will be attending a video conference to talk about where the state is going with broadband and in particular what they are doing in our area which doesn't necessarily coincide with what the state is doing. Ken will send an email next time. Feels that the state is not going in a fast direction and that the states standards are low in broad band speeds ..while we are already faster. As a group should we be seeing what is necessary in the community , the issue of cell service is a tricky issue as the towers are extremely expensive. Chicken and the egg...need more people, need more cell service.

In regards to fiber optic lines, the last mile will be private, the grant to Sovernet to connect fiber to schools and libraries. This is completed but then you have to pay to access the line. Meg wonders if the group can find out the timeline for other groups to hook into it.

Laurie Newton and Dale Ribaldo were asked about seeing frustration from people still about bandwidth speeds. Dale said he still hears about it but it's not the primary concern of Hermitage guests.

Adam, spoke with Mike Chase. Mount Snow is using their fiber. The library is using it, but not everyone else is tapping into it. Library speeds should be faster. Hardware at location is what determines the speed. No one actually knows how to tie into the fiber cable. How would they have that how would they do it. At the school, library, in Dover, Palmiter got a dedicated line. During ITVfest even the wifi outside was getting compromised because there were too many people on it. =degradation of service. Does everyone want this kind of super high-speed service as well as what is going on with mobile services. Are we keeping up with visitors expectations. Ken said that at the Fairpoint session, Fairpoint said they were happy to provide a superior bandwidth for a price. What do you get for the dollars. Ken will look into the pricing . Branding and marketing, Dover debate.

Unveiling of the results from the Branding & Marketing committee will be October 22, 2014 from 5:30-7pm at the Hermitage Club. A morning session will be held at Mount Snow the following day for those who will not be able to attend the evening session.8:30-10:30.-One of the items that will be unveiled is a traffic cookie that will be easy to install on all participating websites. These tracking cookies will reveal a lot of information about the specific demographics visiting the valley.

Laura and Andy reported via Adam. Combined SeVEDs and BDCC October 21st from 4-7, location to be determined. Also the green building that services and state of the workforce presentation. 40 plus Seveds projects submitted, VY(Windham county) \$6million dollars requested this year. Only have 2 million in funding may only fund some of the projects. Wilmington PD addressed concerns about area crime. Solutions were presented including , write a letter encourage people to leave lights on. Met with Chamber group two months ago about issues. Joe recommended business owners to immediately issue notice of trespass for undesirables. Trespass notices are on website, can be downloaded. Shaws has been very much on top of it. This is not an epidemic, the police are trying to make it as uncomfortable as they can for undesirables, landlords have sent letters to unruly tenants advising that eviction may result if there issues on property . There was a burglary back in July. He was just arrested yesterday on a warrant. He was from out of the area. The men involved in last week's incident are all out of jail on conditions of release. They are be monitored. The two break ins that took place the week prior to that were addressed. The two thieves took small of amounts of cash. Businesses might want to make nightly deposits, police happy to escort to bank if the the business feels feel uncomfortable. There is a problem with Heroin, this is a long term issue. Public transit related, no its a mix. WCIX truck in town last week, Adam reached out to them to talk about different perspective, state wide issue our message needs to be about economic development to help with this issue on a deeper level. It's not huge here. Mary Jane said very easy to get a no trespassing. Shop owners should share with other shop owners when they issue a no trespass. It's not the police job to spread the word . It's very easy to walk into this state and "get paid", you don't have to be resident you can make nearly 40,000 dollars a year and not have to work. We need to make it uncomfortable for heroin users. Leave lights on. We have to be vigilant. This is still a very safe community-Joe. The people who are perpetuating these crimes keep to themselves, try to get money to get thier things . Lock your cars lock your houses. Businesses should be lighting up. Joe loves cameras, was helpful to them. Businesses who are interested in installing cameras could call...VT Geeks they did the elementary school. Relatively inexpensive.

Wilmington update-soccer team is undefeated. Had a good meeting last night. Joe came to talk. Budget season is coming up. Scott Murphy identified the need for a joint meeting between Dover and Wilmington select board to talk about regional services in regards to potentially merging regional emergency services, ambulances, fire departments. Date TBD

Dover-spending time service grant for rt100 grant. Learning a lot about getting easements, even though the land is in the right of way. 10 easements to get, so far no-one has signed up. How much does the select board want to pay out for in-kind service, possibly paving a piece of their driveway. Ken said that it will be the town's responsibility to keep up the sidewalks. Are you going to clear snow from sidewalk. Vtrans comes along and plows it right back in. Snow has to be trucked away by example of Wilmington. Liability for sidewalks....Scott-are their ordinances for sidewalk clearing-Ken town has owned up to clearing sidewalks.

October 20th 6:30 Dover town hall John Moran bringing Lawrence Miller and Robin Lundge to come down and talk about health care in the state of Vermont. Open to all valley residents.

Mount Snow getting ready for winter. EB5 program is going well on their way to financing West Lake project and Carinthia base lodge.

Coldbrook road closed late may early June. Road will need to be closed during the week as they replace a culvert.

Hermitage-focus is on completion of clubhouse. 750+ anticipated Columbus Day Weekend at facility Activities planned. Tours available 9-3 Friday thru Monday of Columbus day weekend.

Meg Street brought up potential improvements for the Ridge trail. The Haystack overlook trail has seen a lot of increased traffic. One thing that could make it better would be to build a board walk over the bog. So that hikers can more easily access Haystack Summit and the trail to Mt. Snow Summit.

Mount Snow Chamber reported that Vermont Wine & Harvest was a success. Profit from this year were up by nearly 11%. Bright Lights is starting to come together, and starting initial phases of Fiddlehead festival planning.

Next meeting is November 6, 2014 at 8am