

Bi-Town Economic Development Committee
Thursday April 6th 8:00-9:00 am
Wilmington Town Offices

Attendance: Heidi Taylor, Ryan Holton, Gretchen Havreluk, Kelly Pawlak, Jake White, Pat Wiesbrich, Randy Terk, and Brendan McGrail

Called to order at 8:10 am

Terk moved to accept the minutes of the March 2nd meeting, Pawlak seconded.

Havreluk moved to approve minutes from March 6th special Meeting, Ryan seconded. Vote in favor with Randy and Pat abstained.

Bi-Town Charge- Handouts received of the adopted charge by Dover and Wilmington.

ACT 250 Permitting update

Havreluk- not received subsequent data that was requested of Diane Snelling however, suggest to follow-up within the next month. Some changes have started and lets provide more time for those changes to take place.

Bi-Town Marketing Plan

The summer digital ad campaign is being worked on and will be starting in May. In the fall the project will be entering year 3 but year two funds have not all been expended. Randy commented that Dover Selectboard did not receive a powerpoint update. Gretchen will get in touch with Sharon and Ken. The dashboard didn't go well; only 2 businesses participated. The only way to get businesses on board is to go business to business; however, we don't have the capacity to do this. Randy suggested using more funds to pay a part time person to do this.

Valley Trail Update

Jake White-just had a phone conference last week to figure out where to go. Rebecca Chalmers needs more clarification on the mowing of the trail. Little things like this keep the project from gaining momentum. The trails committee is trying to schedule another walk through of the trail for early to mid May. Whether or not an Act 250 permit is needed is still questionable. Kelly Pawlak suggested specifying high and low caps when being asked for things like how many times a year are you mowing the grass, what is the width of the dirt through the class 2 wetlands.

Trail network meeting report-Kelly reported that the joint meeting with Wilmington Trails Committee went well.

Updates:

Wilmington

- Havreluk was appointed interim town manager at last night's Selectboard meeting.

- The Lake Raponda Greeter Program grant was approved at 40%. This program is to educate boaters about invasive species. Lake Raponda Association is meeting tonight to discuss how much funding they can give toward this program and then may be reaching out to Wilmington Selectboard to possibly fund the shelter.
- VHB was hired to do the design and engineering on the East Main St sidewalk project. A community input meeting is happening at the end of April. Construction possibly next summer.
- Zaluzny has been hired for the West Main St sidewalk project with construction beginning on April 17th and will be completed by June 30th.
- Look Rd bridge is on schedule.

Dover

- Hired 10 bands for 11 summer concerts.
- Revitalization program has been modified and now requires a 25% match.
- Internet project-legal issues which are being worked on.
- Interviews in process for Ken's position

Mount Snow

- West Lake project wrapping up.
- Closing on new base lodge this month
- Summer is full of weddings and events
- Blueberry bash and Tough Mudder are a couple of the many events returning
- Closing the Winter season on April 16th

Hermitage Club

- Design Center is now open in the former Merchants Bank building.
- 8 town homes going up this summer
- Closing April 16th

Other Business:

Motion to adjourn