

Bi-Town Economic Development Committee
Wilmington Town Offices
Thursday, May 2, 2019

Attendees: Heidi Taylor, Vickie Capitani, Gretchen Havreluk (by phone), Eric Durocher, Steve Neratko, Erik Barnes, Ryan Holton. In addition: Lauren Harkawik, Scott Tucker (Town Manager).

Meeting called to order: Heidi called the meeting to order at 8:03 am.

Minutes: Heidi moved to accept minutes of April 4 as amended. Eric seconded. All in favor.

Bi-Town Charge: Gretchen and Steve brought the charge to their respective Selectboards and it was approved. Ryan is business representative. Laura Sibia will be asked if she has the time to commit to this group.

Housing: Steve has received several RFP's (Request for Proposal) that are currently under review. The consultant would determine housing inventory, needs and implementation.

Marketing Committee: Eric: chose slogan, meeting next week to discuss display case. Gretchen: Trampoline on target.

Other Business: Gretchen talked to Joe Kelly from Trans. There needs to be another meeting to include the road commissioner from Marlboro. Steve Neratko talked to Tony May in Montpelier who sent him back to Bennington and then back to Joe. Needs signs at intersections.

Mount Snow: Eric: closed now. Overall a great season. Nine weddings scheduled among other events.

Wilmington: The Town of Wilmington is working on sidewalks, bridge, Valley Trail. The time frame not known right now.

Dover: Steve said that today is the kick off for the trail, recreation, and planning committee. Public meetings coming soon. "Do It" façade and

exterior improvement for businesses are on the agenda. This year signage not part of the plan. Working on Tax stabilization.

Chamber: Eric noted that the Chamber golf tournament fireworks display is set for July 6 with a rain date of the 13th. A guide to community events is in preparation and there will be a digital guide on the website. Eric also said that the State has unfortunately taken away the Chamber's health insurance. 50% of legislators did not know what they were voting for. He's working with Betsy Bishop who lobbies for us.

Next meeting: June 6 at Wilmington Town Office on 8:00 a.m.

Heidi moved to adjourn at 7:58. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Donaghue