

Bi-Town Economic Development Committee
Thursday August 1,2019

Board Attendance: Adam Grinold, Erik Barnes, Eric Durocher, Tom Fitzgerald, Steve Neratko, Gretchen Havreluk

Attendance: Christine Howe

Called to order at 8:05 am

No additions or changes to the agenda

Gretchen made the motion to accept the minutes of June 6th. Seconded by Erik B. So moved.

Steve is hiring an assistant in Dover and she will be able to take minutes for the committee once hired.

Housing Committee- Camoin Associates was hired as the consultant to conduct a housing analysis for Dover and Wilmington. Kick-off Meeting will be held next Wednesday August 7th at 3 pm.

Marketing Committee- We are 75% through the campaign and having great response to the ads. Eric D. commented that more people are looking for trail maps than before. Eric suggest that we combine trails maps of Dover and Wilmington. Steve and Gretchen to go to each towns' trail committees to suggest. Jeff Nugent from Windham Regional Commission could possibly develop the map.

Updates:

Wilmington-Tom reported Zoning Admin and Road Supervisor are both retiring. Working on a River Corridor Ordinance hearing to be held August 20th. Gretchen reported a delay in installing the lighting for the South Main Street Sidewalk Project. Working with a few new businesses.

Dover- Steve reported Attendance has been great at the concerts. In the process of hiring an E.D. Assistant for 20-25 hours per week. Trail Recreation Program moving forward with community meetings and surveys will be going out in 2-3 months. The Town of Dover is purchasing the Etlinger Property for future site of recreation amenities.

Mount Snow- Erik reported Vail entered into an agreement with Peak Resorts and the Feds are reviewing the agreement with a potential closing by the end of November. Have not heard of any staff changes. Creating a parking plan due to the anticipation of increase skier visits. Working on capital projects throughout the summer, Maintenance Building rebuild from the fire, lift maintenance, and water at the summit. Booked with wedding every weekend over the summer into fall. Business has been good this summer.

BDCC- No report, Adam had to leave.

Chamber- Painted the exterior of the building and Kathy Blackador has been taking care of the gardens. July 6th fireworks were pushed to the 13th due to rain. Many people were angry, but the Chamber board had set a rain date. Unfortunately, the company is booked out for several years ahead on the 4th of July. However, is was a great show. Currently in the Blueberry Festival full swing. Golf Tournament is Sept. 16th. Wine & Harvest Festival is Sept 20th & 21st and ticket sales are going well.

Other Business:

Next Meeting September 5th

Steve motioned to adjourn Erik B. 2nd...So moved.

Submitted by,
Gretchen M. Havreluk