

Bi-Town Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
via Zoom & Deerfield Valley Rescue
Thursday, September 1, 2022

Members present: Heidi Taylor, Brian Suhadolc, Bill Benneyan, Adam Grinold

Members present via Zoom: Gretchen Havreeluk, Eric Durocher, Vicki Capitani

Also present: Jessica Roberts

Also present via Zoom: Shannon Wheeler, James Walker (8:06), Jessica Lee Smith (8:18)

Meeting called to order at 8:01 am by Chair Heidi

- I. Additions or changes to the agenda: *None*
- II. Approve minutes of August 4:
 - a. Motion to approve by Eric, seconded by Bill. Motion approved.
- III. Housing Committee Update:
 - a. Eric: working on ADU flyer for both Wilmington and Dover. VHIP (Vermont Housing Improvement Program) conversation, which is now open to ADUs. Continuing conversation on short Term Rental Registration program. Wilmington had Selectboard discussion, Dover's coming Tuesday.
 - b. Discussion on announcement yesterday ending VERAP funding.
- IV. Marketing Committee Update:
 - a. Gretchen: good results from summer campaign, hope to share available metrics in October. Fall photoshoot coming. Switching out some campaign photos to Fall shots. New Wilmington pole banners going up this week. Dover banners will go up once additional orders are in.
- V. DV Fiber update:
 - a. Have found an executive director, Gabby Ciuffreda. Working on a marketing campaign to reach all residents. Finance committee working on tightening up controls.
- VI. Other Business:
 - a. Walgreens Update & Discussion:
 - i. Shared a recent post by Walgreens that pharmacy was closed unexpectedly for a day and comments shared. Discussion on how to bring a satellite or delivery pharmacy service in and state actions against them.
- VII. Wilmington update:
 - a. Gretchen: Introduction of new Zoning Administrator, Jessica Roberts. New Wilmington Works Director, Melissa Boyles. Gretchen's Office moving to former Police dispatch office. Working on GMP easements for telephone pole movement.
- VIII. Dover update:
 - a. Vicki: Long meetings recently. Dispatching conversations are lengthy and it's going to be expensive for towns with police departments. Closed vicious dog hearing that was two year process.
 - b. Eric: moving forward with plaque and working on sign for Dover Town Forest. Parking lot expansion is completed there. Trail counters are up and we're keeping track of the effect that might have. Tuesday Selectboard meeting speaking on short term rental registration and an activity plan. Looking forward to RFP for Horace Hill at September 20 Selectboard meeting. Dover Technical Assistance program questions are starting to come in from potential applicants.
- IX. Mount Snow update:
 - a. Brian: Announced November 11 opening day. Also announced we'd be limiting day tickets. Helicopter was in for the lifts; terminal is under construction. Towers will be lifted in in September

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and expect these lifts to be open for this season. Last Block party is Friday night followed by Saturday's Brewer's Festival.

X. Hermitage Club update:

- a. Bill: On track with maintenance work and for opening. Member event Saturday, membership continuing to grow.

XI. BDCC update:

- a. Adam: September 15 VEDA announcing forgivable loan program similar to PPP, eligibility criteria still unknown. Communicating updates on this through BDCC newsletter. BDCC Annual Meeting September 15th.

XII. Chamber update: *None in Attendance*

XIII. Moover update: *None in Attendance*

XIV. Next meeting October 6

XV. Motion to adjourn by Gretchen at 8:40am, seconded by Eric

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Wheeler
Economic Development, Town of Dover