

EBI MEETING February 1, 2018

Attendees: Jim Cameron, Steve Wadsworth, Sarah Downes, Shawna Lovelette, Ellen Stanley, Angela Wright, David and Sally Tryhorn, Suzi Hull-Parent, Olivia Weed-Laporte, Dinny Hawksworth, Sarah Tougas, Sandra Ferland, Walter Scott, Leonard Charron, Tom Benton, Ward Heneveld, Tim Camisa, Linda Depatie, Elisabeth Nance, Pat Hayes

DATES TO FOLLOW

2/8 at EI Planning Meeting 8:30 am Emergency Services Building
2/8 4 pm tour of Wrights Dairy
2/13 EBA 8 am Halveys
2/13 School Board meeting at 4:30 Enosburg High School Library
2/15 EBA/EBI everyone Community Potluck Emergency Services Building 5:30
2/15 Franklin County REC meeting at NW Regional Planning 3 pm
2/21 Enosburg Economic Group at Peoples Trust Co. Conferencer Room 3:30
2/22 Planning Meeting
3/1 EI Meeting.

Grant submitted for 1600 for kiosk hexagonal with 3-sided panels intersection of Duffy hill and 108. Cold Hollow Construction would build it. (Sarah Downes). Grant submitted for \$4200 for the purchase of a couple of canoes and 3 kayaks. (Steve Wadsworth)

Tim Camisa – Thank you to all for including the Kendall Spavin Cure building in the tour. Met with the history department and arts and sciences to engage UVM in the cultural heritages museum. He has collected stuff from every major patented pharmaceutical. Next phase is to get the UVM students in. An article coming out in 7 Days, with Ken Picard. Working with a Vermont Historian “Shattuck”. Creating a package including letters of support just to have not looking for grants. Cosmetically hopes to have the building looking pretty good by the summer. Interns would be documenting the history and setting up displays. Plans are to renovate to live on the 3rd floor, Radio station on the second floor, museum on the first floor. Requesting a letter to whom it concerns that we support and are not opposed. Brought to a show of hands and it was decided if Tim could share the power point so we have something to look at to say whether we support movement forward we would then look at a letter of support.

Village and Town Meetings – Dates March 6th is Town at 10 AM and March 13 is the Village Meetings at 6:30 PM in the Enosburg Auditorium. Need person(s) to attend each meeting and speak to the work, volunteers and progress this group has done and that nothing has been done with tax dollars. The future does hinge on tax dollars and starting those conversations now. Under other business.

Town Meeting – Suzi, Shawna, Ellen, Angie. Ask everyone who has been involved to stand up, including EBA, EBI, Enosburg Economic Group, Recreation

Village Meeting – Ellen, Shawna, Jim and Greta (both not from the Enosburg)

Suzi was asked to send report to Jonathan Elwell to be in the Village Report as well as the Town report. Also, to create a handout of all the amazing things in Enosburg. Make available for all at the meetings. Add Cold Hollow Sculpture Park. Jim will send the list to Sandy and then we will create the handout. May be put this on the flip side of who we are and what we are doing. If the grant is denied, make a motion to hold those funds set aside as match money, if not more for further economic development projects.

If the grant is not accepted on March 2nd, Suzi suggests a quick meeting Monday, March 5th to brainstorm our approach to the meetings. So, the group that is getting up will do so either way. Decision to have a quick meeting March 5th regardless of outcome.

Tim Smith is helping us with some funding potentials. The Northern Borders Economic Development Corridor is another avenue.

Moved to the flip charts to further develop thoughts around the three (Opera House, Larose Brick Building and Wrights Dairy). Plus's and minus's shared and then a quick vote which left discussion around Wrights Dairy/Murphy. Suggested we get some feet on the ground and look at the building and have conversations with D.O.T. Suzi contact Cindy Weed, Carolyn Branigan and Randy Brock to step in and talk to DOT about this building. Ward and Andre and David will take the lead to set up a time to view the building and take some pictures to share with the group. The time is now set February 8th Thursday at 4 p.m. Potential for office space for other entities, REC, Regional Economic, Historic Office space, etc. Some are seasonal we would want it year-round.

Homework around what it takes to operate a welcome center. Greta and Richard Amore would be could sources. Ellen will do some calling around, Alburg, Newport regarding their welcome centers. Also, the Vermont Agency of Tourism would be a good resource.

What grant opportunities are available. Steve will do some early digging and bring back this information for the March 1st

Potluck is the 15th Shawna will do an Evite. Jim has plates, etc covered will let us know what we don't have. Volunteers Sally Tryhorne, Sarah and Steve, Cheryl Henevald, tables and chairs set up. Include in notes that parking should be in the furthest parking area for all our meetings. Overfill then can move to the first parking lot. The firemen need the first parking lot for their duties and calls.