

ENOSBURG BUSINESS INITIATIVE – March 7, 2019 Minutes

**Attendance: Suzi Hull-Parent, Heather Moore, Cindy Weed, Jennifer Bright, Ellen Stanley, Sandra Ferland, Shawna Lovelette, Jim Cameron, Stacey Carpenter, Cyndi and Matt Miner, Ward Heneveld, Matt Stebbins, Chris Casavant**

Welcome to our almost Two-Year Anniversary Meeting

Economic Development Grant Writer Position. Discussed over view of the meeting and discussion on the floor at the Town Meeting. We now have a half year full time with benefit position. Inventory of all positions that have grant writing in them and how with this new position supports each other. Maybe fleshing out the description, the steering committee and authority avenues so that the position can be posted. Maybe some people who are key to grant writing can be on this committee and interview group. Ward feels some objectives for this position and targets to measure outcomes is essential. Heather mentioned that the vital village final plan would provide a lot of the objectives. (personal note Cindy has previous experience with grant writing would be a good committee member). One each: select board, Trustee (or members from their staff that would be able to keep their group updated) economic development board, EBA. Discussion on the role of this group: to help the select board formulate the process and the question of whether there is an advisory group or not will be a question that comes out of those meetings. Strong support for a joint trustee/select board meeting. This will be the bulk of the next meeting.

Village Meeting Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Paving informational meeting is the night before.

Brattleboro passed a law for 16 and older to vote on town/village issues. FYI will talk about at another time.

Volunteer Drive/Fair – Momentum to have about 45 minutes in TA time in second or third week of April not on Monday. (April 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>) Heather would like to see it happen. Groups would have tables to show their needs and curriculum counselors would be on hand to see how it would tie into their curriculum.

Quick Build Parklet – We got the 10,000K to put in a “Parklet” by the Health Center. If we can’t get ROW for approval on relocating the driveway it will be on the other side. The Kiosk is included. Ellen is going to check on the policies with the Rail Trail regarding business signage on the rail trail.

Community Center – Its open, programing has been happening since February. Hours on Wednesdays and Fridays, they have a Facebook page. They have luncheons, origami, Barn quilting. Active programing and newsletter. Matt offered a quarter page with their bill stuffer to advertise the community center. They have a need of a sign outside. Looking for a grant to fund youth programing. Ward has a heavy sign that might serve to help them. Also, could use County Courier and Messenger for free listing in coming events.

Day Care is a shortage. Heather is wondering if there is something as a community that we could do to help with attracting and opening a center. Maybe a group that could assist and support anyone.

Schedule: Tues the 12<sup>th</sup> EBA Meeting 8 am Location 1906 House  
Thurs. the 14<sup>th</sup> 8:45 EI Morning Planning meeting  
March 23 Prydein at the Opera House 7 pm.  
March 29<sup>th</sup> Casino Night Fundraiser with the Legion and the Opera House

**GOING FORWARD** the need to focus energies on a limited number of projects. Each given 3 votes this is how priorities sugared off. Will discuss more at future meeting to make us more goal centric.

- **This new position (Grant/Economic) is realized and support the positive outcome of a filled position 11**
- **Making sure money is found so that the Vital Village plan can be realized. 10**
- **Welcome Center 3**
- **Finish Masonic Temple Project 3**
- **Community Center 2**
- **Community Coordination/Calendar 2**
- **Daycare 2**
- **Increase Community Involvement. (Volunteers, More people in Local Government issues) 2**
- **Assess Service Gaps in our Community and then communicated to the appropriate Organization. 1**
- **Merging Resources 1**
- **Move School Sign to Main Street 1**
- **Coordinate Regional Rec as it applies to Vital Village 0**

#### **Priority**

**Long-Term: Vital Village and the \$ to support that through attendance at those activities and items that might come up on the Village and Trustee Agendas. Need a notice of those important agenda items when they come up.**