

April 4, 2019 Minutes

Enosburg Initiative

In attendance: Matt Minor, Cindy Minor, Jennifer Bright, Sandy Ferland, Ward Heneveld, Brenda Elwood, Steve Wadsworth, Shawna Lovelette, Ellen Stanley, Jim Cameron, Leonard Charron, Cindy Weed, note taker, and St. Albans Messenger reporter Tom Benton.

Child Care Summit is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th from 5:30 PM to 7:00 p.m. at the Emergency Services Building in Enosburg Falls. The community is invited to join the Enosburg Initiative at this special public event to discuss the need for more childcare in the county and possible solutions. There will be several guest speakers including Jen Severance, Community & Program Support Specialist from Let's Grow Kids, Melissa Riegel-Garrett, Vermont Child Development Division Policy Director, and Michelle Trayah, Child & Adult Care Food Program Coordinator from Northwestern Counseling & Support Services.

Grant Writer/Economic Development Position: The Town Select Board and Village Trustees met recently and are working together on the job description provided by the Initiative. They are in the process of first gathering information on their current positions in order to avoid redundancies and duplications. No other action was taken. Initiative members are encouraged to attend the next Town Selectboard and/or Village Trustees meetings to show support of their efforts and offer any help that might be needed. The next Select Board meeting is April 15th. Ward wondered if the Select Board members would benefit from some education about what a position like this might entail so suggested that at least three EI members attend the April 15th meeting.

Vital Village Update: The SE Group reviewed priorities and identified five projects to be discussed more at their next meeting on May 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Services Building. Priorities include creating a unified community brand, improving the Main Street-scape, promoting US and Canadian tourism, way

finding and signage, the Rail Trail Crossing on Main Street currently being accomplished with the Quick Build Grant. There is ongoing discussion about a possible Pop-Up demo of the Main Street bump-outs the week of June 10-17 and considering another Enosburg Eats and/or Block Party in August.

Community Center- Programs at the center including a Wednesday community luncheon, barn quilt making, origami, afterschool programming, and sign language. A French class is slated for the future. Ward donated a refrigerator, security cameras were installed as well as a key lock. A staff person for 10-15 hours a week is being interviewed, a newsletter being created and signage is coming. Brochures about community center activities were handed out at the Food Shelf recently.

Technology Committee- There was no meeting in April so the next meeting is in May. The committee wants to create a survey to assess community technology needs. The committee hosted an energy efficiency program at ACE hardware a while ago that was well attended. There is an open position on the board if anyone is interested. There is also a technology website.

Other

Pomerleau Land by Hanaford is available for sale or lease

Local vet is moving into the Village near the Quincy Hotel

FCIDC Tim Smith let Jim know that there is a low interest, revolving loan fund available for economic development to help businesses get started and that a Vermont Efficiency initiative has \$50,000 available as a ten-year loan to support energy improvements for businesses.

Jim suggested that the EI to consider if a regional community pot luck would be helpful in learning more about what other communities are doing.

Calendar:

Tuesday, April 9 at 8:30 a.m.- Enosburg Business Association meets at the Enosburg Diner

Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.- Trustees meeting at Village offices

Thursday, April 11 at 8:45 a.m.-EI planning session at Community Center

Thursday, April 11, 5:30 p.m.-Child Care Summit at Emergency Services Building

Thursday, April 11 (not sure of time) school meeting around Act 46

April 14, 8 a.m.-noon – Annual Pancake Breakfast at St. John’s. Gluten free pancakes available.

Wednesday April 17, 10:50-11:40 – Volunteer Fair at High School with Heather Moore. Community organizations are invited to attend in order to secure high school volunteers who need to earn their Community Service requirement before the end of the school year.

Thursday, April 18, 5:30 p.m.- Enosburg Initiative meeting at Emergency Services Building

Saturday, April 20, 11 a.m. - EBA Easter Egg Hunt on park. Volunteers needed to control vehicular traffic around park

May 2, at 6:30 p.m- Vital Village Project at the Emergency Services Building