

ENOSBURG BUSINESS INITIATIVE – May 10, 2018 Minutes

Attendance: Jim Cameron, Suzi Hull-Parent, Tom Benton, Ellen Stanley, Andre Viens, Sandra Ferland, Leonard Charron, David Tryhorne, Sarah and Steve Wadsworth, Stacy Carpenter, Jason Doe, Andre Viens, Walter Scott, Chris Casavant, Eli Gabuzda, Felicia Leffler

Bike Month is happening. First event ride at lunch tomorrow the 11th. Sunday is the big event in the park 9-1 free helmet give away and multiple rides. Finalized RISE mini grants, Enosburg is receiving about 10K in grants: REC receiving \$, CHCC receiving \$, Library \$, 1906 House Garden \$ for cooking classes, EES Librarian \$ for story walk.

May 18th is the Community Dinner at EES.

Mike and Shawna met with Jonathan to move a meeting to a trustee meeting. Will have more information coming, also talked about a quarterly meeting with all entities (Select board, Trustee, EI)

Economic Board Update – Andre Viens a new member. Applied for two grants. USDA were helping 2 and 3 times a day for our grant input, that was very positive. Jim's word of the day Capacity Building. This has been happening all year and there are a lot of people who now know us. These connections have been a tremendous help and are a continued resource.

Our revolving loan fund if we get it (USDA 60K, Northern Borders 150K) will be for retail and local business, FCIDC's 250K is focused on industrial.

Masonic Temple- Lisa Ryan, Preservation Trust and Kaitlyn Corkins, Community Planning and Revitalization, via phone calls. Short term plan – cleaned out all the brush from around the building, scraped and bleached the mold, in the next week or so Jim is sending someone over to replace the flashing to fix that problem. Suggested to Jason, get together a day to prep the building (wet scrap). Let's look at date tonight. The goal in the next 60 days get the nook and street side scraped and painted. When you have dates make it a community day. Many offers of lifts, help etc. Sarah mentioned CHCC has some staging. After June Dairy day looks best. Looking for a date and a rain date. June 9th, Jim will look to Sticks about paint & primer. Long Term – on the 17th Lisa Ryan 9:45 at the temple, she will be coming with \$500 and Masons put in \$250 and someone will come in and evaluate building. In October Kaitlyn Corkins has a grant up to 20K at a time. 1:1 match. The match can be money and in-kind donations. You can go back several times to the grant pool. On the 27th of June, a retreat for "Sacred Places" Masons should be in attendance.

Welcome Center Update – No go on the Enosburg property on main street, the space is being rented by the Church, Perley Block does not seem open, other places were discussed but don't have handicap bathrooms. Discussion led to Opera House. Sandy and Suzi will have a fully fleshed out thought plan for next meeting. \$\$ for signage from various sources rather than spending it on rent. Still following up on another facilitator or using the person we pick for the grant.

Dairy Day – Wild and Scenic' Lindsey can help with prep work that week but not that day. Steve says the canoe/kayak project is coming together nicely. Boats seem central theme. Thursday May 17th all interested meet at Bleachers at 6pm or forward your ideas to Ellen before then.

Better Connections Grant – Steering Committee 6 proposals at \$60K, a rating sheet will be used. Jennifer Bright EBA, Yvonne Kio REC, Erik Remmers, Maggie Cazivos, Jessica Villeneuve, Richard Carr, EFEDC, Pat Hayes-Planning Commission, Billie Jo Draper-Select board, Jonathan, Elwell-Trustees, Jen Dezotelle- Student, Matt Miner – Historic Society, Jim Cameron – At large.

Thrown legal jargon to attorney to see if it is okay, same language as Swanton, Ben at flying disc will do the sign-up and give out lifejackets. Nancy Patch will be meeting with Steve about a location for the storage. \$ may need to be in donation form for loss or damage.

T-Shirts have been ordered "Enosburg Initiative It all starts here" Ordered and screen printed up at Mountain View will be here shortly and ready for Dairy Day.

Trying to get more traction with the school. Did put together a freshman with a civil engineer, that was a positive experience. Next week a number of teachers will be meeting with Jim and anyone who wants to attend to promote connections. We want more good things to happen.

Ward is taking the lead to find out details on every board: when, where and why do they meet. A big question on whether the EI, EBA and Economic Development should come together? Limited bodies and limited time, we need to be smart in how we do this. Conversations ensued. Steve mentioned in this fall meeting including all the Church's in the area, this is another whole dimension.

Please forward the information about the Sacred Places retreat to as many churches as possible.

May 23rd next Economic Development Board at 3:30-5, PTC also the Countywide Recreation group at 5:30 at St. Albans City Hall.

Steve and Sarah will be doing a hike at 10:00 on the 26th of May in the Town Forest. Also, Art in the Park that day along with a Community Yard sale at Champlain Chevy and Thunder ride on the 27th.

Next planning meeting 5/17 8:30 am at the Quincy, next regular meeting 5/24 5:30-7:00 at the Emergency Services Building. **Summer schedule for June, July and August First Thursday of the month will be EI.**