

ENOSBURG BUSINESS INITIATIVE – June 7, 2018 Minutes

Attendance: Jim Cameron, Suzi Hull-Parent, David and Sally Tryhorn, Stacy Carpenter, Sean Kio, Jennifer Bright, Edith “Dinny” Hawksworth, Heather Moore, Linda Depatie, Sarah Tougas, Cindy and Matt Miner, Walter Scott, Tom Benton, Leonard Charron, Andre Viens.

Introductions for the new guy, Welcome Shawn, marketing and development guy for Burlington Telecom, husband to our new Rec Director.

Trustees Meeting on this coming Tuesday the 12th – Get on both agendas Trustee and Select board and asked them directly to have those two groups get together for a joint meeting within the two groups and the EI group to attend and drive others to attend. Not to add another meeting but to replace one of the regular meetings for all three groups. Discussion around what we would like to see ensued with many thoughts from increase and support businesses new and old to the question, “What is the rationale today on why there are two entities?” Moving forward some ideas in general that group members thought would be good to see were: more trash cans not just in the park, recycling and compost, patriotic flags lining the street, on green up day need a drop off location, this year the Village garage gates were locked, need a coordinated effort on green up day, there was very little participation.

Masonic Update- There is a short term and long-term plan. The west side has been prepped, some of Jims staff and two different groups of kids have primed up to the middle of the windows. They have been granted the Sincerbeaux Grant to have the building evaluated as to what needs to be done. Sets the stage for a matching grant opportunity. This will be the Masons decision to follow. Following Jason’s dates on when Masons are available, we will then put those dates out (probably 2 weekends) on Front Porch forum, need helpers, sandwiches, lemonade...just a thought.

PoPUp Welcome Center Update-Discussed hours of Fri.& Sat. 9-5, Sun 9-3 starting June 21 through Foliage Season. Some revamping of hours was discussed. EBA will cover the insurance and we have the approval of the Select board, welcome center, signage. Cindy and Suzi will get together and see what the students came up with. Andre will talk to Sandi to discuss the side of her building as a possible signage area. Sandy Ferland and Suzi will continue organizing. To that end a volunteer chart is attached please rsvp to shullparent@yahoo.com Subject Line: VOLUNTEER a time slot you would like to fill. The projected start date is June 22nd. We will have a protocol and access sheet created by then.

Heather had some promotional ideas to share: EI should have a booth at the Harvest Fest with a photo book of what we have done. Also looking at a possible Holiday Craft Pop-Up Market, could be main street or market place. A cooperative idea. Heather is still working on a farmer’s market with meetings of interested parties in July. More details then anticipated, to do it right it will not be up and running this year maybe have one next year.

School cooperative Update-(Heather Moore) Service learning program (Masonic Hall, Opera House, Habitat for Humanity, Food shelf). This past week work was done at all three for seniors graduating. They then and cumulative piece in the class room in addition to the physical work. Suggestions that starting in the fall and including education around civic government and involvement. How can the EI help with initiatives in the school. Month of October guests will come in to talk about vocations. Maybe some mentor and internship possibilities. Also any major projects EI is doing they maybe able to help with some one-time projects. Heather will bring forward a calendar to show what October will look like. Could we get the senior class to come to a meeting and see what we do, they have interested ideas about staying in this community and getting involved.

Main Street Update (Sarah Tougas) Across from the PTC bank Shawn Teague gave approval to hoeing out and revamping the plants in the planter. They are going to revamp the planters, weed and new floral and Shawn will fund the materials, Sarah, Linda, Marge Cameron and one other (?) will do the work.

Economic Board Update-Should know in about 60 days outcome of the two grant requests. Next meeting next week 3:30 PTC on Wednesday. Open meeting. A little bit of waiting on the grant outcome. Talking to PTC about their loan options.

Parade Update- Cool to see all the Enosburg Initiative T-shirts, very visible. Kayaks and canoe were on display with RISE Vermont bikers circling the float as it went down the street. Thank you to all who contributed in some manner to the float.

Canoes and Kayaks: Permission to build the rack granted, material donated from Sticks, 2 carpenters donating time. All to happen on Saturday the 9th. Legal language is with the attorney. Ben Maddox will manage the check out. Greater Outdoors got the equipment at cost and they will be renting out bikes from their store another cool piece of information.

Better Connections Update- Started interviews today (6/7) and more next Friday before the selection. Should know the consultant in about 10 days then hit the ground running. All steering committee meetings will be open. Consultant will be on staff until fall of 2019

Art in the Park Update- Got moved to Art in the Carriage Barn. Had several students and community members involved. Had about 30 people over the course of the day. Opened it up for Dairy Day very little attendance. Hope to do it again next year and expand the selection.

General ending conversation brought up many cool possible future projects around internet, community mesh wifi networks, community co-working spaces. Shawn Kov shared a story around community network and he is heavily involved with BTV at night? There are large grants available around community co-work spaces. This could easily expand to a subgroup presentation and definitely a larger guided time slot to explore.

Call to Action Items: Trustee Meeting Tuesday 6:30 come be a participant. What have we worked on that we want collaboration and assistance with the Village. Think there needs to be a report part of our presence and request portion of that time.

Next planning meeting July 14th at 8:30 am at the Quincy, next regular meeting 7/5/18 5:30-7:00 at the Emergency Services Building. **Summer schedule for June, July and August First Thursday of the month will be EI.**