

Enosburg Initiative Meeting-April 6, 2017

14 Participants, including one Enosburg Village Trustee

Meeting began with discussion about economic development, and who might be invited to come and discuss how to commence. It was mentioned that The Northwest Regional Planning might help us with downtown center designation and other projects.

We will put some people together next week and get some advice. Perhaps a later evening meeting where more business owners could attend after hours would be helpful. Some of the group will speak with NWRP and invite them to come up for a meeting.

Shawna Lovelette of EBA will look into notes from a meeting in 2016 with regards to plans formulated then for a streetscape design. There were grants available for a study, with possibly an October deadline.

It was mentioned that we may need a compensated person to help us write any grants.

Champlain Housing Trust was contacted regarding their property on Main Street, and after some effort Jim Cameron spoke with someone from The Donahue Group, who is representing the property. A person there is willing to come and speak about the issue in a global way.

It has been determined that most Enosburg property being rented is from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per square foot, rather than the \$7.00 psf, triple net, that is the case in other places.

Much discussion was held around whether or not CHT pays property taxes to Enosburg, whether or not that is an unfair advantage, and what else they might do in place of those taxes. We will have a future meeting with Mr. Donal Dugan, Meg from Donahue, and CHT's board of directors to discuss community issues.

Parking was discussed, and perhaps is a matter to take up with village trustees. We will be attending some trustee meetings in the future. We will, among other things, bring up the issue of façade grants here in town. The group also spoke about when and how to talk to local legislators and town government.

Downtown improvement lists were started, and will continue to be worked on.

Next meeting: April 20th., 5:30pm, The Quincy Hotel.