

June 22, 2017

Ellen Stanley (Rail Trail), Cynthia Scott (Conservation Commission), Jaye and Rich Lundborg (Church), Tom Benton (St. Albans Messenger), Stacy Carpenter (RISE), Polly Ricco (Selectboard, DRB), Sally and David Tryhorne, Brenda Stanley (Library), Linda Depatie, Sandra Ferland (EBA), Chris Casavant Sarah Tougas (PTC), Andre Viens, Daryl Robtoy, Bethany Remmers (NRPC), Guys Breault (Trustee), Cindy Weed (Leg. Rep), Jim Cameron, Suzi Hull-Parent, Tim Smith (FCIDC), Rachel Lamoreaux (Courier), Pam Voss

Bethany Remmers, Asst. Director, NRPC – Brief overview of transportation resources in Enosburg with an accompanying map. Enosburg has 24000 linear feet in sidewalk. Rail trail which runs through town is 26.4 miles from St. Albans to Richford. Rt. 105 corridor indicated in Red on the map is a Class 1 Town Highway. These Class 1's are roadways that link sections of state highway. It has concurrent maintenance responsibilities of village and state, predominately the village. Chart on the back delineates who has what responsibility. Town controls access rights to the Class 1 TH. Enosburg receives \$11,000 per mile from the state for the 2.4 Class 1 miles that we have. Average annual daily traffic per day 5300 – 7500 per day, 5% - 10% of all traffic medium to heavy trucks.

The higher amounts of traffic are out near Hannaford intersection. Purple roadway indicated on map is fully under Vtrans and State of VT which includes the Hannaford intersection. This intersection was at one point on a high crash list but not for the last 5 years. In answer to a question the dotted sidewalks depicted on the map has been approved and received monies for design and construction. A spot speed study on main street is showing speeds at slightly higher levels, more so at the entrance of town.

Bethany feels we have a great streetscape to build on. Possibility to extend the classification of the Class 1 to the intersection to increase control in that area. Does require a legislative change. If there is an option to get some open parking off main street should be explored.

Tim Smith – Regarding the construction of a road way for the cheese plant. Past history- the cheese plant did not want a road built just for them. Could be a conversation to revisit.

Continuing with Tim Smith, Ex. Director FCIDC – Industrial Park 1998 received a grant to run water and sewer. Rec'd Act 250 permit to create value added manufacturing jobs. Geoffrey Greene has bent his position to allow more activity in the park. St. Albans Co-Op has 2 lots, Greens has 2 lots and Vaillancourt's has 2 lots with 5 lots still available. FCIDC has been asked to take it over, they did not but offered help to move it forward. Did do road work which required matching money from FCIDC and Town, they also helped clean up some permitting, and tree planting. \$40,000 total investment over the past years to include a \$17000 grant. If we could get a committed tenant then FCIDC would be more inclined to help make it happen and increase the infrastructure. Retail use would be a hard sell to Act 250. Manufacturing value added remains the focus. Still need water and sewer to 4 of the lots along with pavement. Estimate \$750,000 to complete the park as engineered. If there was a tenant interested in the park then Vermont Gas would run gas to the park, but not without a committed tenant. Strikes against development in luring a manufacturer is that we are over 20 miles from the interstate. Market to the homegrown business that is ready to make the jump to a large building. Up in \$30,000 range per acre.

Unemployment rate is in the 5-6% range (we are lumped in with Richford) County overall is 3%.

Rural Development came into the community 15 years ago. The report was made available to all. Would they be interested in coming back for an afternoon early evening engagement, asked Tim Smith, the answer was yes.

Tim also suggested a person who is looking to expand cellular coverage may be able to attend one of our meetings. We would love to have the telecommunications guy come. Tim will coordinate.

Polly Rico reiterated the Public Hearing August 2, 2017 at 6:30 needs to be attended. These discussions are very pertinent to this planning and development. We may plan one of the initiative meetings to coincide with this time.

Follow up on May 22<sup>nd</sup> item regarding energizing new ways to market what we have. One main piece is recreational opportunities. Need to start some small working groups on these topics.

Brainstorm Rec Ideas, no Judgement, everything recorded

Recreational Opportunities: River, Rail Trail, Northern Forest Canoe Trail, VAST, Rec Fields, Opera House, Town Forest, Brownway River Trail, Historical Society (Train, Depot, Log Cabin, Model Trains), Town Band, Three Parks, Library, Bridge of Lights, Island View Park, Stocked Fishing, River is designated Wild and Scenic, Cemeteries, Golf Course and Country Club, Sliding Hill, Designated in town Walking Trails, Dairy Center Rec. Fields, School Playgrounds, School Gymnasium, Auditorium, Local Swimming holes, 4 wheeling, restaurants, cross country skiing, walkable nature of our down town, school athletic programs, adult leagues, Dairy Day, Harvest Fest, Senior Strengthening Classes, Tae Kwon Do, Tai Chi, Bowling Lanes, Virtual Golf, Milk Run, Enosburg Mountain, Brookside Campground, Metal Sculpture Park, Community Garden, Cycling Opportunities, knitting clubs, card clubs, quilting clubs, car show, farm tours, sugaring, paint & sips, open studio, pottery classes, quilt trail, historical sites.

Sub-Committee started - Recreational Resources and Marketing– Elisabeth Nance, Chip Sawyer, Jen Burns, Stacy Carpenter, Cynthia Scott, Ellen Stanley. Hoping they will meet within the next two weeks and will report back in the next meeting and will have a spot on the agenda.

Need people to work with Elisabeth and Greta to work on the grant for the village and the town that can happen in the fall. Polly Rico, Sandra Ferland, Linda Depatie and Cindy Weed will be contacts and resources to make this happen.

Guy has appetite for the industrial park. Build it and they will come opinion of Jim. He feels it will cost about 2 million to make it happen. Jim Cameron, Tim Smith and Bethany. Bethany will try to find us someone at the state level to sit in. Also Chip Sawyer.

Mark Kelly from Vermont Efficiency will be here. The Grant Committee and Rec Sub Committee will offer up reports.

Daryl will put these minutes on the Enosburg Web page, (Village and Town) and make a presence for us on those pages.

Next meeting is the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of July. The meeting after that will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August to coincide or precede the Public Hearing.

