

## Enosburg Initiative Meeting

July 6, 2017

Present were: Sandra Ferland, Angela Wright, Betsy Dorminy, Polly Rico, Jim Cameron, Shawna Lovelette, Jennifer Bright, Cindy Weed, Ellen Stanley, Pierre Letourneau, David Tryhorne, Sally Tryhorne, Tom Benton, Leonard Charron, Rachel Lamoureux and Andre Viens.

Meeting convened at 5:35pm with Jim Cameron announcing a change in speaker lineup. The speaker from Efficiency Vermont will now be coming on July 20<sup>th</sup>, with tips on saving money on energy.

Ben Doyle with the homeowner program for energy savings, loan and grant programs, will be coming as well.

Tim Smith and a telecommunication person will be coming to our Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. We will meet that night at 5:00pm, to allow time for our meeting and then the meeting to discuss the re-write of zoning bylaws, which will be at 6:30pm, also at emergency services building.

Angela Wright is going to the tow day meeting of Preservation Trust people for round table discussions about our revitalization, and to learn what is available to us.

Tim Smith has agreed to put together a meeting about the industrial park, pending approval from Guy Breault. This will give us the facts about the park.

Polly Rico had a copy of the Town and Village Plan with her. By laws are made from the plan, which is the vision. We need to come up with a good list of goals. We cannot secure funding if it is not in the plan. Hard copies are in the town clerk's office, and it is available on both town and village websites. The grant opportunities are all supported by the town plan. A good place to start perhaps is to hire a planner to help us with our planning.

It was brought out that the rural development grant, with no match, looks interesting. Also, the AARP grant deadline is July 15.

The town is soon to hire a recreation director, when that person is hired we will have a meeting to see where recreation goes from here. Ellen Stanley, on the E I recreation subcommittee reported on a meeting the group had, and the big takeaway from that was a list of many rec ideas:

A regularly updated website, an actual kiosk with rec opportunities listed; perhaps at the NOTCH office intersection, better rail trail signage, need for a map of all rec opportunities. Stacey Capenter is helping to develop the Enosburg portion of a county wide map. They will be coming to town to work on this soon. Some signage work has begun, and will continue to be worked on. Perhaps RISE VT could link with the Town website.

Angela will communicate with Greta Brunswick about a planner person for Enosburg. It is a possibility that during down times, the zoning administrator could search for grant opportunities, and perhaps the new rec director could as well.

We will have a joint meeting with the village trustees and the selectboard to see how we can help accomplish this. Leonard Charron and Pierre Letourneau will co-ordinate schedules and get this accomplished, hopefully on August 14<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>. They will bet back to us with the date.

Conversation was had about the electronic sign across from the elementary school, and its' lack of visibility to most of the people not going to the schools. Perhaps moving it nearer or on Main St. would be a good idea, albeit, coming with obstacles. Two sites mentioned were Peoples Trust Company and The Main Street Marketplace lot. Sandra Ferland will contact the Elementary School principal, who owns, the sign, can we move, etc. We will ask to get on an agenda with the school board to discuss this.

Shawna, Sandra and Leonard agreed to attend the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Sandra Ferland