

Regular meeting of the Enosburg Initiative, J/30/2020

Present: Cindy Weed, Jennifer Bright, Ward Henevald, Stacy Carpenter, Sandra Ferland, Jim Cameron, Sally Tryhorne, David Tryhorne, Sean Kio.

Points discussed:

National Guard Armory:

Guard is leaving the area, will not be using the building. The town is interested in acquiring. Larry Gervais of the select board is working with Tayte Brooks for a tour in the near future.

Vermont Business Magazine editor is coming to visit to co-ordinate an article on Enosburg for the spring. Tim Smith will be coming in regard to Tractor Supply's coming to Enosburg. A public meeting with the DRB will be on 2/19/2020 .

Ordinances:

Jonathon Elwell & Jim will speak to the village ordinances in the near future. Adelle Brunstad has submitted the work she has completed on the ordinances has been given to Mr. Elwell. We would also like 15 minutes at Town Meeting to speak to new ordinances being adopted.

Health Officer:

The group is still exploring the premise of creating a full time health officer between several towns to make this idea work. Montgomery is possibly interested, and we will reach out to every board.

Village Visit:

Thursday, 2/6/2020 Richard Amore, Liz Gamache, Caitlin Corkins, Lisa Ryan Tim Smith and others will be coming to town for a meet and greet. This meeting will start at the Quincy Hotel at 1pm, with lunch provided. There will be tours and hopefully lots of discussion. Some guests will be able to stay for a good portion of the day.

Rail Trail Meeting:

Wed., 2/5/2020 6-8pm, Emergency Services building, an update for branding and marketing of the trail.

This includes implementation of the 60/40 grant. Another grant has been written for bicycle repair stations-that is due out by March.

Historical Society Update:

Cindy Weed, President of the Enosburgh Historical Society stated that Steve Perkins is coming from the VT Historical Society to visit the Dairy Center, Abe's Cabin, and the museum. Cindy has written a letter of interest for a grant for facilities/maintenance. It is a 1:1 match, and the Enosburgh Historical Society could match, or possibly fundraise for the match.

Masonic Temple Update:

Two parts are completed for the 2019 grant, and the lodge has received their money. The big arch window has been repaired and is ready to go in. They are submitting a new grant application in August to apply again. A pancake breakfast will be held on 2/16/2020 to benefit the temple and the Enosburg Opera House. **Please Attend!** Jason Doe now has two lifts that can be used for temple repairs and perhaps we could use those and Jim's to work on repairs for the Opera House.

Village Re-Visit:

In 2003 Paul Costello was here to do an assessment on the "health" of Enosburg. Perhaps a re-visit by Paul as sort of an anniversary would benefit us. Swanton has recently done this.

EFEDC:

The group is actively discussing their goal and purpose. Perhaps a merge with the Enosburg Business Association would be a good move, perhaps it could just become a management company for the land in the industrial park. More info in a month.

Tom Benton attended for the last time as a reporter for the Messenger, he is starting a business of his own, leaning on the social media side of news. Good luck, Tom, and thanks for all the coverage we have gotten because of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ferland