

total hours, totaling \$960, carried unanimously. Consideration could be given to a Junior who might then continue on during that person's Senior year.

Motion C. Obert seconded by J. Hall to allocate \$5,000 for engineering, site improvements and signage at the Airline Trail, at the site of the Historic Train Wreck and to make it ADA compliant, carried unanimously.

Motion C. Obert seconded by J. Hall to allocate \$5,000 for the development of a Wayfinding (signage) Program, including design and project planning intended to build Thompson's identity and promote economic growth carried unanimously.

Note: additional business card pocket-holders (\$50) have been purchased for the town hall lobby. The Farm Passport Program (being developed) has already been funded (\$1,000).

Note: none of the funds remaining in the Website Development budget line, \$4,755, are planned for EDC; CivicPlus stated that there is no additional fee for a linked EDC webpage.

Note: there is inadequate time this season to implement a Community Garden project but that it might be considered in the next fiscal year.

2. Discussion: next step in Implementation of the Strategic Plan - the Town Planning Game: Wednesday, June 5, Community Center, gather at 6 PM; a light supper will be provided. The exercise, looking for commonality in the vision for Thompson's growth and development within the town's Board and Commissions, will be participatory and inter-active.

3. Update on electronic sign for Town Hall: a price quote has been received

4. Farm Passport Program update – underway. Ends with the Turkey Trot

5. Updated EDC contact information: distributed. An error was identified and will be corrected. Note that now an alternate's seat on the EDC is open.

VII. New Business

1. Discuss creating a unified signage program to tie in with branding, business promotion: action taken earlier to address the matter

2. Natchaug Epic – C. Obert reviewed the cycle event, held March 31 in Thompson for the first time. He has interacted with the organizers and will meet with them again soon to promote and even better event involving business and organizations in Thompson.

VIII. Other new business: none

IX. Progress Reports:

1. Zoning Regulations revision: underway

2. Town Planner position – filled: congratulations were offered to Tyra Penn-Gesek in her new role. Chair B. Yacino reviewed the customary attendance of the Planner at EDC

meetings every other month, but the Planner stated that she will attend as often as her schedule will permit.

X. Comments by Commission Members: none

XI. Next Meeting:

May 15, 2019: 6:30 pm, Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

XII. Adjournment was at 7:56 PM by Chair B. Yacino

Respectfully Submitted by Dorothy Durst Recording Secretary *Dorothy Durst*

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Economic Development Commission. Please refer to next month's meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.