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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Economic Development Commission Branding Implementation Committee

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

2nd Floor conference Room, Town Hall 6:30 P.M.

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Meeting Minutes

1. Present: T. Penn, R. Waldron, C. Obert, B. Lofredo, B. Yacino
Also: Joe Iamartino, THS, UCONN students working on Pop-up Chalet design project, Kelsey Giansanti and John Guskowski from CME
2. Motion by T. Penn and seconded by C. Obert to dispense with the regular order of business to hear reports from the students and engineers from CME. Motion Passes.
3. Kelsey and John reviewed the Wayfinding Planning project. This planning project will be done in phases:

Phase I: Research and inventory the areas to be highlighted in the plan including the exact placement of physical signs. The goal is to have this work completed prior to the meeting of the subcommittee on March 2.

Assignments include:

- a. Name and location of the trails
- b. Name and location of Historical Sites
- c. Recreational and Cultural Sites
- d. Economic Development
- e. Agricultural

Assignee:

Trails Committee
Thompson Historical Society
Recreation and others
Economic Dev. Comm.
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Phase II: Community Session to get input from the residents at large

Phase III: Concrete examples of design

4. Pop-up Chalet design (Charlene's Village) update by UCONN students: The students shared their draft designs with the committee and welcomed input and questions. It was agreed that we would have facades on the chalets that represent the ten villagers. Joe Iamartino will be emailing the Town's social media intern photos of 2 buildings from each village. The two photos will be posted on facebook as a poll. People will be able to choose one of the two they favor for each village. It was also agreed that the "village" would begin north of the gazebo and east of the driveway. A near final draft will be available for presentation to the public as part of the Economic Development Committee's March 18th meeting.
5. Motion by C. Obert and seconded by B. Loffredo to accept the minutes of the January 9th special meeting. Motion passes.
6. R. Waldron shared the Ask Me Anything event flyer with the committee as well as the Six Months of Suffrage draft flyer.
7. No progress on zip codes.



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8. This committee will open conversations about reducing voting districts with the new board of selectmen.
9. It was recommended that EDC reach out to the Hometown Bank branch to get a contact about commercial banking. Ideally this person would be willing to meet with EDC to make some suggestions or recommendations.
10. It was also recommended that EDC compose a letter to the BOS regarding the need to look at an incentive package for new businesses.
11. No new information regarding River Mill project was available but information about the status of the BAR grant was provided. There are funds available in the BAR grant to potentially fully or at least partially fund a design for sidewalk replacement from Rte. 12/Rawson Ave to Rte. 12 and Rte. 200. There are capital improvement funds available through NECCOG to fund the construction project. In conjunction with MSRAC and the CME consultant, Tyra is currently working on the LOTCIP grant application.
12. T. Penn reported that the work on the update of the P& Z regulations is proceeding. She, A. St. Onge, D. Couture, Assessor, and Terry Bellman, Building Official will be meeting to discuss the impact of the change in regulations on those two departments. The next step would be the document would be sent to Town Council.
13. The Ask Me Anything event is replacing our regular March meeting.
14. Correspondence: None

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Waldron, Acting Recording Secretary