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Economic Development Committee

November 17th, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Chair Bill Dowey, Vice Chair Bruce Dorner, Nancy Spears, and Britta Hallberg.

Absent:

Carolyn Shulman, Hector Hsu, Paul Bemis, and Les Dion, Select Board Rep.

Call to Order:

Mr. Dowey called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Approval of October Minutes by Mr. Dorner, seconded by Mrs. Spears. Motion passed by roll call vote 4-0-0.

Old Business/ New Business:

The members discussed and expressed their frustration of members absent, including the Select Board representative. The committee expressed concern of projects and ideas, needed Select Board's say in such matters. Discussion followed regarding affordable housing and possible locations along Peaked Hill down to River Rd. A questionnaire was created for local businesses and individuals to fill out during a casual meet or take home to see which businesses may be interested in and have employees that need affordable housing. Mr. Dorner stated the questionnaire has not gone out. Mr. Dorner needs to sit down and discuss with Mr. Coates to discuss more details. Mrs. Hallberg and other members discussed the list of people invited. Mr. Dorner would like to see a buy in from local businesses and assistance from Mr. Workman who rebuilt Franklin and is willing to help revitalize Bristol as well.

Mr. Coates joined the meeting and received the feedback regarding absent members and Select Board Rep. Mr. Coates mentioned the Select Board Rep is a member to many committees and plays a large roll in fundraising and other events for the Town. Ms. Dion will attend the December meeting. The committee also congratulated Mr. Coates on his achievements, one of them recently bringing broadband to the Town along with recognition from President Biden. Mr. Coates stated he wants to continue the town's progress.

Member Comments/Select Board Comments & Staff Comments:

Discussion and motion by the committee to move the meeting time to 6:30pm. Motion passed, 4-0-0.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30pm Mr. Bemis, seconded by Mrs. Spears. Motion passed by roll call vote 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Wharton