

## **Economic Development Committee**

**March 8, 2017**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Rick Alpers, Les Dion and Bill Dowey.

**Members Absent:** Vincent Paul Migliore, Janet Cavanagh and Nick Coates.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Bill Dowey.

Review of meeting minutes of February 22, 2017. Rick Alpers moved to accept 2/22/2017 meeting minutes and second by Leslie Dion. Motion passed 3-0-0.

#### **Project Updates:**

**Business Recruitment:** Janet Cavanagh is working on the list of ten businesses that the committee would like to reach out to bring their business to the Town of Bristol; Janet was not in attendance for this meeting so she will update committee at next meeting on March 22, 2017.

**Cell Towers:** Bill Dowey spoke with Verizon today regarding the cell towers. Verizon stated to him that they do not have any plans for at least two years for deployment. Bill Dowey also stated to committee that the propagation study must be done first before any grants are applied for. There is money set aside for this study for a repeater for signal tower.

**Member Recruitment:** Bill Dowey is recommending Bruce Dorner for a potential new member. Les Dion mentioned Carolyn Schulman as a potential member.

**Bristol Falls Park/Pemi Trail:** Bill Dowey stated that the wording of the warrant article for this project needs to be changed. The funding for this is only for Bristol Falls Park and not the Pemi Trail.

**New Business:** Les Dion told the committee that the "Info Hut"/Little Red Booth now belongs to the Town of Bristol. Everyone was in agreement that this was great for the town and all the businesses in surrounding towns, including Plymouth. The running of the "Info Hut" will be all volunteer staffing and Les Dion made the suggestion of Edie Grout to be a potential volunteer as she has had experience in running this booth before. Rick Alpers suggested that the booth startup be just for the summer season and staffing only on Saturdays. The committee is also in agreement that the area will need to be beautified and maybe something could be done with the pavement. Les Dion volunteered to start collecting pamphlets from our town and surrounding towns to stock the booth with information.

**Calendar Events:** At the upcoming meeting on 3/22/17, Eric Nelson will be attending to discuss another Sailing Regatta for this summer and the NLRA is also going to be at this meeting. Les Dion hopes to have a better updated calendar for this meeting.

**EDC Newspaper Column:** Nick Coates is going to set up a meeting for the Selectmen, EDC and the Planning board to all get together to discuss how to get information out to the townspeople and the

businesses. Things are happening for the good of the town and Nick wants all the people and committees to be going in the same direction. Maybe there could be a newspaper column to inform the town on upcoming events and plans for a better future.

**Public Comments:** None

**Next Meeting:** March 22nd at Water-Sewer Department 6pm.

Bill Dowey moved to adjourn at 6:50pm and Rick Alpers second. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Gail Sarto