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Economic Development Committee
October 20th, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Present:

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

Absent:

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

Call to Order:

Mr. Dowey called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Approval of September Minutes by Mr. Dorner, seconded by Mrs. Spears. Motion passed by roll call vote 4-0-1.

Old Business/ New Business:

Mr. Dowey stated the Sustainability Committee is in the process of pursuing site funding from the NH VW Trust (\$3 million) to install electric charging stations somewhere in the town; still to be determined. The stations cannot be more than 20 miles apart, four ports total. Eversource needs arial photos of the area to come up with a power availability cost. Discussion from members regarding options for lots for the ports at T.D. Bank or at the middle school. If the ports are installed at businesses, they are eligible for an 80% reimbursement. Mr. Dorner stated that once more information comes in, it should then be presented to the Select Board and ask permission to explore options in exchange for the promise of four parking spaces and bringing together a zero-cost situation. Motion to bring forth a proposal in partnership with the Energy Committee by Mr. Doner, seconded by Ms. Spears. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Mr. Dowey then also discussed whether the Economic Development Committee should continue as a full committee or disburse. Mr. Bemis stated that the EDC has brought the Town several very successful projects and that the committee still plays a vital role in more projects to come. Ms. Spears stated that EDC does play a role. Discussion followed regarding affordable housing. Keeping Frudenburg in Town and creating more affordable housing for workers is a priority along with attracting people to move to Bristol. The committee agreed to create a clean agenda, come up with an objective, and meet with Mrs. Christina Goodwin from the Assessing office to discuss housing and possible rehab house projects.

Member Comments/Select Board Comments & Staff Comments:

None

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:38pm Mr. Bemis, seconded by Mrs. Spears. Motion passed by roll call vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Wharton