

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes

April 19, 2018

Attendees: Jon Starbuck, Selectman Representative Jeanny Aldrich, Christine Dufresne, Simon Jones, Fran Shippee

Absent: Don Brehm, Phil Shaw

Starbuck called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Introductions were made. Jones is a new member of the committee. Shippee will take minutes of this and future meetings and may join the committee as a member.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and small corrections made. Dufresne made and Jones seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2018 meeting. The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Rod Parsons had been invited to this meeting but could not attend due to a previous commitment. Aldrich will ask him if he can attend next month's meeting.

There was discussion about the report sent to the committee by Phil Shaw about senior housing particularly about a concept called "Aging-in-Place". This allows seniors to have their homes remodeled to make them "senior user friendly" and allow them to remain in their homes longer. There were questions and concerns about promotion of this idea. There will be more research done on senior housing issues. Starbuck will ask Shaw for more information.

A representative from Southwest Regional Planning in Keene will be at the May 17th meeting to talk about their master plan and how to go about developing a town. There are grants available in this area.

The committee should also reach out to Monadnock Progressive Alliance about transportation issues.

Dutch Walsh will be included on the email list in case he would like to provide us with advice or information.

A copy of the Goals of the Economic Development Committee from the Master Plan will be sent to all the members of the committee by Starbuck.

There was discussion of talking to existing Chesterfield businesses. They have been approached in the past with not much success.

Aldrich discussed the possibility of developing commercial areas in Chesterfield without disrupting its small town charm. She will also make a list of topics to discuss with Southwest Regional Planning Commission. Also mentioned was the need for a 20-year plan.

Other town updates – Spofford & Chesterfield Fire Commissions will be applying for grants for hoses, truck, generator & other equipment. Old Home Day is being planned for Saturday, August 4th. A new website has been set up for all Chesterfield events. Aldrich will discuss at next selectmen's meeting.

Next meeting is Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Dufresne made and Starbuck seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Frances J. Shippee