

**Economic Development Committee
July 1, 2021 - Final**

Present: Ron Rzasa (Chair), Julianna Dodson, John Pieper & Mary Ewell (advisor)

Absent: Kelli Hanzalik (BOS Representative)

Guests: Jeff Scott

Meeting was called to Order at 5:51pm

Presiding: Ron Rzasa

Secretary Report:

Minutes of the June 17th meeting were unanimously approved

Old Business

1. **Brownfield issue:** Although Keli was unable to attend the meeting, she e-mailed that she had been able to contact Nancy Mandel, an environmental attorney who has extensive experience in Brownfield issues. Nancy Mandel indicated that she would be willing to volunteer her services. Keli will arrange a meeting between Mandel, Julianna, and herself to go over the documents. Mandel has been invited to the next EDC meeting.
2. **Business Mixer:** There are 22 RSVPs from local businesses. Todd Horner will attend, help out and speak to the CEDS update which is the guide for establishing a business in the region. Matt Beauregard has provided a letter to read.
 - a. Interaction poster stations –Todd will print them up.
 - b. Copper Cannon will not have a food truck but will provide food.
 - c. John will purchase basic supplies: hanging name tags, etc. Julianna will send him a supply list.
 - d. Snacks should be from local businesses, possibly finger sandwiches. The table should be manned by an individual wearing a mask and gloves using tongs. Ron volunteered to man it.
 - e. A list of questions to ask the participates was discussed. Mary will finalize it and send it out to the committee.
 - f. It was recommended that Copper Cannon be paid in advance. Julianna will ask for an invoice.
3. **Marsh House:** The Planning Board has approved the project. The final contracts are being drawn up. Closing should take place shortly.
4. **Zoning Regulation:** John will edit the ordinance to make it easier to approve.
5. **People's Bank:** Mary will be setting up the table tomorrow. Recommended items for it: Invitation to the Mixer, Welcome packet, EDC contact and website information, guess how many businesses are in Chesterfield, and a jar for business cards. In addition, information on Senior Housing project and the next steps needed. This Mary will send out to the committee for approval before posting. Julianna will post the number of businesses on the website. Keli will monitor the table.
6. **Senior Housing:** The June 30th meeting between SWC's Keith Thibault and the BOS was very successful. The BOS is unanimously in favor of the project. The next steps are finding the 5-10 acres, surveying the town to determine if the residents want senior housing, and the complicated task of funding it. This could take years. At present, projected cost is 6 million dollars. Fortunately, the State is providing better funding.
 - a. John brought up the question if residential zoning covered senior housing?

7. **Radically Rural Sept 22 -23rd:** Kellie and Ron have both signed up.
8. **Generator Technician School:** The Thomas Property may be too expensive to rent. They are looking in Hinsdale too.
9. **Enchanted Bakery:** Ron has had lengthy discussions with an interested buyer about the property. He gave them information as to how to navigate the process. Ron is waiting for the buyer to get back to him.
10. **Zoom:** It was decided that the zoom option will continue.

Public Comment: None

Adjourned: 7:07PM

**Next Meeting
Thursday, July 15th
5:45PM
Town Office**

Respectfully Submitted by,
Donna Roscoe, Secretary
July 1, 2021