

Town Of Groton, Vermont  
Community & Economic Development Committee Minutes, June 5th, 2016 (Draft)

The duly warned meeting of the Groton Community & Economic Development Committee June 5th, 2016 was held at the Groton Community Building, 1476 Scott Highway.

Attendance for the meeting included: Mary Grant, Deborah Jurist, Brent Smith, Carrie Peters, Kitty Diggins, Mark Shallburg and Dan Robinson.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM

Updates/Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Approval of May 5<sup>th</sup> Minutes: Kitty moved to approve the minutes, Mark Seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with no discussion.

Mary and Dan discussed setting a work session for them to update the CIP worksheet so that it can be reviewed at the next meeting. They decided on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9am at the Community Building. Mary added that she will add the RFP's for the Community Building gutter installation and roof painting to the next Select Board meeting agenda (June 15<sup>th</sup>) Mary asked that copies be emailed to the select board members for review prior to the meeting.

Dan briefed that the Community Building gym backboard grant application is almost complete and that it is only missing a project history letter. The application will be available at the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting for the committee to review.

Kitchen sprinkler design and ADA access design with construction cost estimates will be reviewed at the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and possible funding sources will be discussed.

Mary advised that it is time to start thinking about the "Economic Development" portion of the committee's function. Carrie suggested that adding a link to the Front Porch Forum which had an exceptional audience may be a way to promote the Town and its activities. Dan added that he was a member of the forum and has seen a lot of posts from Groton and the surrounding area and the link would be a good idea. Mary and Deborah suggested getting in touch with Eric Volk to get some background on the status of the Bistro and see if there was anything the Town could do to help revitalize that business. Everyone agreed that the "village" needs additional draw for both residents and visitors. Deborah mentioned activities sponsored by the Groton Historical Society and Mary said that Music in the Park were great activities. Carrie briefed that the Planning Commission was working on getting a "village designation" for Groton that would open up resources for businesses in town. Deborah also mentioned that we should look into marketing the railroad bed as a recreation resource.

Next CEDC meeting is set for July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM with reviewing the Basketball hoop grant application, ADA Access plans and estimates, and the CIP worksheet as the priorities

The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dan Robinson, Committee Chair/Secretary