

Town Of Groton, Vermont
Community & Economic Development Committee Minutes, November 6th, 2017

The duly warned meeting of the Groton Community & Economic Development Committee October 16th, 2017 was held at the Groton Community Building, 1476 Scott Highway.

Attendance for the meeting: Deborah Jurist, Mark Shallberg, Lisa Hart, Carrie Peters, Shawn Stetson, Brent Smith, Kitty Diggins, and Dan Robinson.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Updates/Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Approval of October 16th Minutes: Kitty moved to approve the minutes, Carrie Seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Dan and Lisa agreed to meet on Wednesday November 8th to go over creating an account that would host the CIP online and creating a page to reflect the reserve funds for departments/committees that have one.

The Departments that were in attendance indicated that they were happy with where their CIP worksheets are and they are ready for budget. Dan agreed that the only piece remaining is the reserve page, however that wouldn't affect the department budgets.

Lisa asked if the basketball backboard was going to be completed this year. Dan reported that it was the plan. The Community Club was hoping that it would be done before youth basketball.

Dan, Carrie and Lisa set the budget for the CEDC for 2018 at \$856.00 (\$600 – secretary wages, \$46 - taxes, \$100 – supplies, \$110 – advertising)

Deborah Jurist asked who is tasked with the capital plan for the Community Building. No one really had an answer except that Mark Shallberg was the Community Building “person”. Mark and Deborah suggested that perhaps a Community Building committee be re-formed to tackle that task. Deborah said she would raise the question with the select board.

Dan asked for some input/ideas for the upcoming municipal/local business meeting. The committee agreed that the March timeframe (after town meeting) was a good idea. Dan suggested that the select board and elected officials be invited as a way to introduce themselves to businesses that they may not know. Brent suggested that an agenda be created to put with the invitation to businesses, and Deborah suggested that we talk with Erik Volk who is a resident and with the Coos County Chamber of Commerce to get ideas of topics we may want to cover that would benefit both businesses and the Town. The Website business directory and contacting Linda Nunn (Town Clerk) and Carl Edwards (local UPS driver) were mentioned as a way to build a list of local businesses and the home businesses that may be interested in attending.

It was suggested that Erik Volk be invited to the next meeting to offer some suggestions/guidance in putting the event together. Dan said he would contact Erik and try to make arrangements.

Next meeting scheduled for December 4th.

Agenda was set for the next meeting:

CIP Reserve Fund Page Review

Local Business Meeting/Seminar update

The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dan Robinson, Committee Chair/Secretary