

Town of Groton, Vermont  
Community & Economic Development Committee Minutes  
March 19, 2018

The duly warned meeting of the CEDC March 19, 2018 was held at the Groton Community Building, 1476 Scott Hwy, Groton VT 05046

Attendance for the meeting: Brent Abare, Kitty Diggins, Mark Gleicher, Lisa Hart, Deborah Jurist, Brent Smith

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Approval of the February 5, 2018 minutes: Lisa moved to approve the minutes, Deborah seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Department Updates: none

Capital Plan

Committee discussed the need to review the Capital Plan and its function. The core Committee members will receive an email of the Capital Plan to review for upcoming meetings.

The idea of picking a Department Head to attend a CEDC meeting each month to review their Capital plans and that would be the time for adjusting the Capital Plan if needed.

Reviewed Formation of Committee and not to lose sight of original plans for committee.

Reviewed Core Members of CEDC:

Deborah Jurist- Select Board Member

Brent Smith –Hwy Dept

Brent Abare- Fire Dept

Henry Knott-Alternate Fire Dept

Kitty Diggins-Lister

Lisa Hart –Recreation Committee

Carrie Peters- Planning

Jim Burke-Library (?)

Aaron Smith- Cemetery -Shaun Stetson (?) \* can't have two SB at a meeting.

Mark Gleicher-Open to public member

Possible Committee members

Farmers Market – Jen

Artesano- Mark and Nicole

Historical Society-Eric

BMU

Lake Association

Upper Valley Grill-Bill

Brain storm Ideas:

Idea of making an Event Calendar so there is an event in Town each month.

Reviewed many ideas.

Jan- Dave Spencer does a Jan 1<sup>st</sup> hike

Feb–Buckaroo’s Ride In possibly expand to a winter carnival style event, need to coordinate with Ryegate on this since their winter carnival event is the same weekend.

March –Historical Open House- Baking Class-Homemade Carmel’s and Carmel Popcorn

April- Fire Dept Open House –outreach to community

May –?

June-?

July- Lake Association Boat Parade, local boat participation using Stillwater boat access, Boulder Beach open for fireworks and barbecue,

August-? Possibly GHS/Rec Committee/Library concert?

Sept- CV Runners in state park-26 mile/15 mile course, possibly add a family oriented alternative on the Groton RR Bed, another possible date for GHS concert???

Oct-Fall Foliage Day

Halloween –Jazzy Fund Event

Nov-Historical Society Dinner-Concert RR themed event?

Dec- Cement Truck -Holiday

Jan ’19-

Feb ’19- Sports Show? Trapping, Groton farmer’s market, Rec. Committee

March ’19 GHS sugar on snow? Tour of Puffer sugar house, Troy Oliver might be a good sugar on snow maker. Coordinate with the State

#### Community Outreach ideas-

Discussion lead into Halloween and Community Events.

Trunk or Treat- Contact Bmu on how to get this started? Lisa will follow up on this idea

Trick or Treat to community homes of “Shut in’s”

Sports Show in January, Feb or March 2019- Brent Abare will follow up on this idea

Fire Dept Open House – Hannah Bee’s idea’s- Fundraiser for AED etc. make a big event in community.

Face Book Discussion how to access Groton’s FB page

Discussion of Sign for out front to advertise our community events/meetings

#### Agenda for upcoming April 2, 2018 Meeting:

Special time 6:00 to review Capital Plan

6:30 Regular Meeting Start time

Agenda

Meeting Called to order

Approve Minutes

Agenda for upcoming Meeting May 7 2018

Guest Speaker- Susan Balmer –Still Water Camp Ground-

Lake Groton Boat Parade -July 4<sup>th</sup>-How can the town get involved? See meeting notes for ideas to talk to Susan about

Email Addresses-Obtain email addresses for a Constant Contact List

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa JL Hart, Committee Chair / Secretary