

Town of Groton, Vermont
Community & Economic Development Committee Minutes
April 2, 2018

The duly warned meeting of the CEDC April 2, 2018 was held at the Groton Community Building, 1476 Scott Hwy, Groton VT 05046

Attendance for the meeting_(Core Members) Brent Abare, Kitty Diggins, Lisa Hart, Deborah Jurist, Brent Smith

6:00pm Meeting-Capital Plan Review-

- Discussed next steps on updating the capital plan for 2019
- Next meeting (May 7) will start with updating the Recreation Committee Plan

Adjourned 6:30pm

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Attendance for the meeting: Brent Abare, Kitty Diggins, Lisa Hart, Deborah Jurist, Brent Smith, Eric Volk, Mark Gleicher and Susan Bulmer (Guest- VT State Parks)

6:35 pm Meeting –Regular Meeting

Approval of the March 19, 2018 minutes: Lisa moved to approve the minutes, Deborah seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Welcomed Guest Attendee Susan Bulmer,

Northeast Park Regional Manager-VT State Parks

Susan reviewed her territory and her job position with the State of VT

Seyon Pond Ranch has new Inn keepers that will start mid-April- (Chad and Elsa)

VT state Park forever foundation-New organization that is a 5013c, which can provide programs from their Capital improvement Funds

This has been a long time fundraising effort

The Groton Nature Center will receive a much needed update and may make this a three season facility

This foundation teamed up with Echo Center in Burlington.

Discussed the event put on by CV Runners this fall. She advised us to contact Mark Howard who is organizing the event about what the Towns people could do.

Discussed option of doing a barbeque at the end of run event.

To set up a new event within the State Parks we would have to submit an application, which is available on line.

Options were discussed to do an event at the Nature center that would be a free event and also a Trail Head for a lot of the Trails thru the State Park

Discussed how to get involved with the Lake Association and their annual boat parade around 4th of July.

Long discussion on limited boat access and parking is a huge concern for the state. Still water and Boulder Beach are extremely busy July and August.

The State is working with the Groton Lake association on possible taking over the Fire work event, but this discussion is still in process.

Went on to discuss other options in the state parks. Kettle Pond was discussed and the idea of having a kayak / paddle board race or a walk around Kettle Pond in June (maybe even the June 9 and 10 family free weekend that the State puts on annually) discussed options for the Town to pay the admittance Fee so the towns people would have a FREE event.

Reviewed other state park sites:

New Discovery

Osmore Pond

Susan discussed a New Association: Huts Association

Vermont Huts Association: The Mission is to provide an enriching and immersive outdoor experience for everyone. By collaborating with our partners in recreation, we will create a four-season **hut** network across the Green Mountain **State** to strengthen local communities and foster a deeper appreciation of our natural

Discussed the State Gravel pit –Shooting Range

June 9 & 10 –Family free weekend- Instructors on how to site your gun and other instructed events.

Agenda for upcoming May 7, 2018 Meeting:

Special Meeting Time 6:00 pm –Capital Plan Discussion- Core Members

Review changes to the Recreation Committee Capital Plan

Regular Meeting Start time 6:30 pm

- Agenda
- Meeting Called to order
- Approve minutes of April 2 2018
- Event Calendar
- Vital Communities- Email contact list
- Town Website- Dave Spencer-Guest
- Lake Association
- Kettle Pond Event

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa JL Hart, Committee Chair / Secretary