

Town of Groton, Vermont
Community & Economic Development Committee Minutes
February 5, 2018

The duly warned meeting of the CEDC February 5, 2018 was held at the Groton Community Building, 1476 Scott Hwy, Groton VT 05046

Attendance for the meeting: Brent Smith, Carrie Peters, Lisa Hart, Kitty Diggins, Deborah Jurist, Mark Gleicher, Erik Volk & Darcie McCann

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Approval of the December 4th minutes: Lisa moved to approve the minutes, Carrie seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Department Updates: none

Discussion for Local Business Meeting /Seminar

Guest Speaker- Darcie McCann, Executive Director of Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce.

She reviewed many steps the committee should act on before setting up our local business seminar/meeting event.

- Need to take inventory of our Resources in the Town
- Review Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (S.W.O.T)
- Prioritize
- Look at other Town Websites- Review likes and dislikes....copy ideas
- Review, what is the type of person/ Business you want to come to Groton?
- Why- Make a list
- Recreation is a main Focus of Groton, we should focus on this.
 - 7 State parks in our town.
 - Work with State of VT
 - Use this to benefit the town.

- Discussed how to get more people involved.
- Involve the BMU and River Bend schools-students
- Contact summertime residents
- Discussed the idea of developing a Welcome Committee, for new residents
- Planning and Zoning Committee's need to be fully developed to assist in attracting and expanding local businesses.

Gather Information for future discussions:

- Upcoming Walk /Run in the State Forest event- Dave Spencer may have information on this
- ATV participation –Attracting this to the Town of Groton
- VAST contact- Cindy Locke
- VT Rural Development- contact-Susie Poland

Agenda for upcoming March 12th meeting (date changed due to Town/School Annual Meetings):

- Review Town Plan Survey Results
- Set Priorities
- Brain Storm
- Reach out on how to attract more committee members
- Review how CEDC committee is formed...do we want this adjusted

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa JL Hart, Committee Chair / Secretary