

Fitzwilliam Economic Committee

Nov 6, 2017: Fitzwilliam Town Hall

Meeting began at 7 pm.

The goals of the Economic Committee: to get businesses together to network and pool resources, build relationships among business owners, promote new members, and to revitalize Fitzwilliam.

In attendance: Chelley Tighe, Skip Hagstrom & Suzanne Gray

Absent: Steve Reinhart, Adrianna Stefanko, Clare Rose-Howard & Mary Belle Isle

Guest: Caroline Tremblay

Minutes: Minutes of September 20, 2017 and October 2, 2017 were approved.

Caroline Tremblay: Our guest speaker, Caroline Tremblay introduced herself to the committee. She spoke to the group about an idea she and her husband have about creating an event to occur in the fall of 2018. This would be a kid-friendly, fantasy-themed, renaissance-style affair named the "*FITZWILLIAM FANTASY FAIRE*". Her ideas included activities, crafts, and demos and would include local businesses. She asked for assistance in the logistics of the event. Some of her concerns were parking, electricity, traffic, rest rooms, and insurance. Suzanne recommended Coni Porter, who worked on the 250th Fitzwilliam celebration. Perhaps the Library could be called in to be a partner organization. Suzanne suggested a sub-committee be formed to work with Caroline. This will be put on December's agenda.

CCC: This event is scheduled for Nov 13, 2017 at the Depot Train Station at 7pm. Skip offered to provide ice tea and Chelley volunteered the coffee. All members will bring a dessert. Set-up will begin at 6:30pm. Skip will talk with Warren Hall about the heating and to make sure the bathrooms at the Fire Station are open. The scheduled speakers are Jon Sepe and Darryl Meattley. Suzanne will contact Carlotta Pini again about having her daughter Carmen, talk about her past business internship. Chelley will introduce the speakers. Suzanne informed the group that she met with the Visiting Nurses and they will be happy to accept all donations of non-perishable food items. Skip and Chelley have some name tags that can be used as Adrianna has the sticky ones. Suzanne will facilitate the event. Skip will ensure the sandwich boards are located at the depot and on the common.

New Business Flow Chart: Suzanne shared that she is working with Danica, land use assistant, on this project. They will have Carol Ogilvie, land use consultant, look it over. Also discussed was the Master Plan update. Suzanne would like the committee members to think about the future goals.

Next meeting: December 4, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Minutes taken by Marion Wheeler

