

## **Economic Committee**

**Nov 8, 2021 7 pm**  
**Fitzwilliam Town Hall**

**Present:** Beth Lorenz, Skip Hagstrom, Steve Reinhart, Suzanne Gray, Jim Millar, Kevin Love & Jason Newcomb

**Absent:** Chelley Tighe

Beth opened the meeting at 7:04 pm.

**Minutes:** Steve made a motion to approve the minutes of Oct 4, 2021 as read with a second by Suzanne; All voted in favor (6-0-0).

**Master Plan:** Suzanne explained the 2012 Master Plan and what the Economic Committee had for goals. She stated we didn't take everything on as there were challenges with membership and attaining the quorums. She went on to say the committee is very supportive of the small businesses in town and gave examples such as the Fitzwilliam Fantasy Faire networking events, grand openings and the Farmer's Market. She indicated that there are items we need to work on, according to the Steering Committee, but maybe they should go onto the next Master Plan. Some items are just not attainable for the committee. Skip talked about the surveys being planned, one that has already gone out and another one being planned. Suzanne still wants to know specifically what the Steering Committees wants of the Economic Committee. Steve shared that we as members cannot decide what comes into town, we are not realtors. Suzanne added that some towns attract businesses and have the benefit of a Chamber of Commerce, which the Economic Committee is prohibited from operating as such. Beth would like to know where the focus should be. Steve responded that the members should wait until the next survey comes out to see what the residents want. Beth asked if the Economic Committee needs to go before the Steering Committee to obtain more clarification of their expectations. Suzanne and Steve will volunteer to do this.

**Farmer's Market:** Beth shared that Courtney has a draft of the vendor survey and mentioned some of the questions. Steve commented that it should be kept simple and to 3 questions, "what worked, what got in the way and what would you do different"?

**Next meeting:** December 13, 2021- Town Hall 7pm

### **Agenda for next meeting:**

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jim seconding. All voted in favor.(6-0-0)  
Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm

*Minutes taken by Marion Wheeler*