

Economic Committee

Apr 4, 2022 7 pm

Fitzwilliam Town Hall

Present: Beth Lorenz, Jim Millar, Suzanne Gray, Skip Hagstrom & Chelley Tighe (remote)

Absent: Kevin Love, , Steve Reinhart, & Jason Newcomb

Guests: Marcia Camden

Beth opened the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Minutes: Jim made a motion to accept the minutes of Mar 7, 2022 as written with a second by Skip. All voted in favor (5-0-0).

Forum: Beth gave a brief summary of some of the Forum highlights. Topics brought up included: 3-phase power, a senior center, welcome center, keeping the rural character, supporting local businesses, setbacks for businesses along Route 12 and the Fitzwilliam Inn. Marcia Camden stated the Inn used to be a stop for Vermont Transit bus lines.

Website: Beth stated the website is the focus for a good community page. Suzanne indicated that specifics on what should appear on the front page of the website can be brought before the Board. Jason has previously offered to do that. Beth commented that the south end doesn't look too appealing as you enter town. Skip shared that the Town of Stoddard has all that what we are looking for. Their signage as you enter the town is very informative and he will report back after his next trip to Stoddard.

Farmer's Market: May 21st is the date for the first market of the season, 9am-1pm. Beth informed the group that Jason is updating the vendor database. There needs to be a good balance between agriculture and crafts. Yard signs will be going up. Beth stated we need to send our community events to other town organizations to blast the event. There are 3 other events happening on May21st.

Suzanne would like the committee to work on some of these items now even before the Master Plan comes out. Beth will work on communication and keeping everyone connected. Skip will give us an update on Stoddard with pictures. Marion will gather info from the other groups and showcase those May 21st events in the May Newsletter.

Suzanne made a motion to adjourn with a second by Jim. All voted in favor (5-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Next meeting: May 9, 2022 at Fitzwilliam Town Hall

Agenda for next meeting:

Minutes taken by Marion Wheeler