

Economic Committee

July 11, 2022 7 pm

Fitzwilliam Town Hall

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

Absent: Kevin Love, Steve Reinhart & Jason Newcomb

Guests: Barbara Young (remote) & Kathy Stark (remote)

Beth opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Minutes: Suzanne made a motion to accept the minutes of June 6, 2022 as written with a second by Jim. All voted in favor (5-0-0).

Farmer's Market: Beth stated the market continues to be a success, even with the threat of rain. Suzanne wanted to know what is working. Beth stated she heard it was the signage that brought some folks to the market. She suggested the signs be put out a bit later, like Tuesday or Wednesday, to avoid confusion.

Suzanne shared that the town dropped the zoom option for meetings but the land use continues with zoom. She stated land use was willing to share the zoom and do we want to continue with that option, indicating 3 members were still needed for a quorum. All members agreed to continue with zoom.

Fantasy Faire: Chelley stated she reached out to Caroline Tremblay, organizer of the previous Faires. Caroline is willing to share the vendor list and other resources and also is willing to help, just not spearhead the event. Beth recommended a committee is needed. Chelley will use the Newsletter to recruit interested parties. She volunteered to assist, not spearhead, and will stay in touch with Caroline.

Website: Beth would like to postpone this for another meeting. Members agreed on July 18 at 7pm via zoom for a working session.

3 Phase Power: Suzanne explained the town zoning, where the districts lie, and what is allowed in each district, per the land use ordinances. She stated, when looking at grants, do we have enough land to pursue this. Suzanne showed the members the town tax maps, trying to align them with the district maps Lori Nolan provided, in the hopes they could find a parcel that could benefit PLP and their expansion. Beth shared she got nowhere with Eversource. Jim offered to see what he could find out. Suzanne will contact SWRPB for their input.

Master Plan: Beth asked members to read the draft of the Economic Development chapter, written by Suzanne, and be ready for feedback on the Jul 18th meeting.

With no further discussion, Chelley made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Skip. All voted in favor (5-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Next meeting: Jul 18, 2022 Zoom 7pm

Aug 8, 2022 at Fitzwilliam Town Hall 7pm

Agenda for next meeting: Town website changes

Minutes taken by Marion Wheeler