

Economic Committee

September 12, 2022 7 pm

Fitzwilliam Town Hall

Present: Beth Lorenz, Suzanne Gray (remote), Chelley Tighe, Jason Newcomb & Jim Millar

Absent: Ship Hagstrom, Kevin Love, & Steve Reinhart

Guests:

Beth opened the meeting at 7:09 pm.

Minutes: Chelley made a motion to accept the minutes of August 9, 2022 as written with a second by Jason. All voted in favor. (5-0-0).

10 Year Plan: Suzanne presented an update of the Master Plan, as it pertains to the Economic Committee, indicating there is more context but with the same goals. She stated it was a good framework for the Economic Committee to work with. She added that it has been submitted to the Southwest Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC), who is working with the town to make sure it is cohesive and not overlapping. They should hear back within the next couple of months.

3-Phase Power: Beth shared with the committee that there is a parcel on Rt 12N that has 3 Phase Power. She stated that she and Suzanne met with Dan Scheerer, owner of PLP, and provided him with the contact information for Jason Reimers, attorney representing the seller of the property. It will be up to Dan Scheerer and Jason Reimers to work this out. Beth stated she cannot see the Town taking on the project for 3 phase power along Route 12 S unless there is another need or this plan doesn't work out.

Website: Chelley shared that she contacted Hinsdale and spoke with Jill in the Selectman's office. It appears that Hinsdale pays for the premium product, which is a step above what Fitzwilliam pays for, and has a cost of \$11,000. Hinsdale also had the help of consultant services. All agreed the cost was too high for Fitzwilliam to take on. Beth and Jason will meet up with Lori Nolan and continue to find ways to improve the town website. Jim volunteered to attend with them also.

Farmer's Market: Beth commented that the Economic Committee is here to support the market, but not run it. The Economic Committee has been a presence in all the events and asked if the Farmer's Market Committee can take it over themselves. Jason feels they should, but they can always bring any issues or needs back to the Ec Comm, which in turn will be brought before the B.O.S. Suzanne commented that

Barbara Young and Kathy Stark, members of the Farmer's Market Committee, are well respected in town, are doing as great job, and they should be able to take it over. Beth will bring this up with the FM Comm to see if they are in agreement. Jason volunteered to be a judge at the pie contest on Sept. 17th. Martha Pilch, a new member to the FM Committee, will be taking over the Pie Contest.

Fitzwilliam Fantasy Faire: Chelley stated she put the word out in the Newsletter recruiting interested parties in reviving the Faire. So far, no one interested.

With nothing further to discuss, Jason made a motion to adjourn with a second by Jim. All voted in favor (5-0-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting: Oct. 3, 2022 at Fitzwilliam Town Hall 7pm

Agenda for next meeting:

Minutes taken by Marion Wheeler