

Economic Committee

Feb 13, 2023 7 pm

Fitzwilliam Town Hall

Present: Beth Lorenz, Skip Hagstrom, Isaac Morse, Jim Millar & Kerry O'Neill

Absent: Jason Newcomb, Chelley Tighe

Guests:

Beth opened the meeting at 7pm

Minutes: Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from Jan. 9, 2023, with a second by Isaac. **All voted in favor (5-0-0)**

New Alternate member: Kerry O'Neill has agreed to take the role as an alternate member.

CIP update on Sign: Beth shared that the CIP request of \$500 has been approved and it is the start of the funding. Skip shared some photos of the New Ipswich sign and added he wanted Fitzwilliam's sign to look classy.

Website: Isaac has taken several photos, sunsets and winter scenes that could be used on the EC website. Jim made a motion to use the *sunset over the Historical Society* with a second by Skip. **All voted in favor (5-0-0)**

Fitzwilliam Farmer's Market/Fantasy Faire: Beth stated the BOS approved the common rental for the upcoming Market. Skip suggested having the DPW sign to advertise prior to the event. Isaac shared that he has been in touch with someone from the Scottish Highland games and he thought that might be of interest for the Faire.

Job Fair: Beth stated there are a lot of moving parts to having a job fair and thought it would be tough to get attendance in Fitzwilliam. She suggested putting a pause on the job fair at this time.

Networking Event: Maybe more effective than a job fair is to focus on networking with our local business to find out what their struggles are. May 11, 2023 was agreed to be the date of the event. Skip mentioned the Carousel Grill tentatively agreed to open up to host the event. He will have another conversation with Carole Sanborn about this. This event will be advertised in the newsletter by Marion and all members will divide up the business list and make phone calls. Perhaps members from the Zoning and Planning Boards could attend.

Next meeting: March 6, 2023, 7pm at the Town Hall

With all items on the agenda being met and nothing further to discuss, Jim made a motion to adjourn with a second by Isaac. **All members voted in favor to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm (5-0-0)**

Minutes taken by Marion Wheeler