

Economic Committee
August 17, 2020
7 pm via Zoom

Present: Chelley Tighe, Suzanne Gray, & Steve Reinhart

Absent: Skip Hagstrom, Adrianna Stefanko, Danielle Jacques & Mary Belle Isle

Guests: Beth Lorenz & Barbara Young

Minutes:

Economic Committee: Suzanne talked about regrouping as a committee and whether there was enough energy to keep it going and asked what the other members thought. Chelley expressed the difficulty in maintaining a quorum with the limited number of people interested. Although there have been many attempts to recruit new members, it was and still is a challenge. Steve feels the committee is needed more than ever. He stated that businesses don't realize how much they need the committee. Broadband is a huge issue and we are the touchstone spot to share ideas. He wants us to keep meeting and push the awareness on Facebook.

Broadband: Suzanne added that broadband is a way we can be useful, that the task force will need town-wide support and the committee can help spread the word. She suggested working with Dana Pinney of the task force and invite him to the next meeting to see where he might need assistance. Barbara mentioned that the minutes of the June 17, 2020 selectman's meeting contained information about the broadband volunteer task force. Barbara would like to involve the schools, perhaps asking the Emerson School principal. Members and guests brought up other community people who might be interested in working on this issue also. All members agreed it would be beneficial to have Dana attend our next meeting. Chelley volunteered to contact him.

Fitzwilliam Fantasy Faire: Caroline brought up re-energizing the Faire and the need for others to be part of it. Barbara expressed her interest in working with Caroline.

Members: Suzanne nominated both Beth and Barbara to be new members of the Economic Committee.

Next Meeting: August 31, 2020 7 pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Minutes taken by Marion Wheeler