

ENOSBURG BUSINESS INITIATIVE – March 21, 2019 Minutes

Attendance: Suzi Hull-Parent, Heather Moore, Sandra Ferland, Shawna Lovelette, Jim Cameron, Ward Heneveld, Chris Casavant, Steve and Sarah Wadsworth, Angela Wright, Suzanne

Calendar: Trustee's Meeting April 9th, Prydein 7:30 this Saturday. Tom and Deb Cook "Sendoff" 5-9 at the Legion this Saturday, Casino Night Fundraiser March 29th at the Legion, Annual Rural Development Conference-Wed March 27th at Burke Mountain \$70 daylong, EI Planning Meeting 28th 8:45 at the Quincy, April 3rd Grant Ceremony wherein the Masonic Temple ceremoniously gets their grant, Vital Village Steering Committee meeting April 3rd 6 pm EMS building, 3/30 Benefit for Betty Larivee at the EFCC 5-8, EBA Meeting 4/9th at the Enosburg Diner 8 am, 4/20 10am Easter Egg Hunt, Pancake Breakfast 4/14 8-noon Parish Hall, Community Center Lunch Socials Wednesdays 11:30-12:30, April 18th Volunteer Community Organization Fair at the H.S. 10:50 -11:43 in the Gym (If you want to make people aware of your organization and recruit) Need/who you are/and timeslots of what and who is needed.

Kiosk on Duffy Hill – Sarah is going to go in the ground as soon as the ground thaws. Pressure treated wood and shingles. Will wait to see the style that we end up with for Vital Village and try to emulate some common style.

Priority List - Masonic Hall got 4 more votes. Discussion need to get the Mason's or their employees more involved. Other than Dave and Sally limited participation. Plan now is to work on the windows on the south side and finish painting. In April Jim is putting Larry up high to prep and prime with his lift. Will look to volunteer days (May or June) for lower work. Jason has a lift to do the middle. Would like to have the whole south side done by mid-summer. David will refurbish the clock as well. David is putting a plan together for long term planning. Possibly next year we move this structural effort to the Opera House.

Community Calendar got 6 more votes. Joint trustee and select board meeting. Could a merged calendar be on the agenda? Angie has volunteered to maintain a calendar. A calendar needs to include school, village and town. Other ideas would be library, Opera House, EBA, Steering, EEDC, etc. Management piece is critical, many calendars not maintained.

Daycare got 4 more votes. This issue will be part of a larger conversation.

60 minutes had a 20-minute segment on entrepreneurship in rural areas. Very good, please try to go and see it. Rural areas are very hard to get money for. But pegging away will bring the gap between what a bank gives and what is needed. Story: The veterinary clinic needs to move. About 2 months ago, Jim met with them and referred them to several properties. Helped them explore buy or lease and what did that mean. They found an interest in a specific property. They have had a meeting with a bank and what it meant to purchase and coordinate a walk through. Looking at it, owner will be on site to figure an offer. Energy consultant has been involved and Tim Smith has a revolving loan that may come into play. Hope is that by the fall they will have a property, updated the façade, Laz Scangas has offered his help. Hopefully they will be in business. This is what an economic development piece looks like!!!

Iceland Model also known as Planet Youth is a substance prevention project. It is like the better connections grant by doing surveys and assessment then comes up with a plan. The YRBS does not give answers. This one gives a full data analysis, team of specialists, and helps the community develop a plan around substance abuse. It may mean helping the parents so they can help their kids. A website around Planet Youth if you google it has details. For example, one community had a 50% usage rate that dropped to less than 5% in 20 years. Heather has been talking with Beth Crane/

Caring Communities. FNWS has written it into their C21 program. Vermont Afterschool brought the presenters here, for a week visit. The two people from Iceland were on NPR this morning in a podcast.

Daycare is an economic development issue. Jim was introduced to the "Permanente Fund" it provides guidance and resources for kids under 18 in Vermont. This guy's (Rick Davis) statistics are that 60% of the women not in the workforce is because of lack of quality childcare. Therefore, an economic development issue. Pay now with quality care vs. pay later because of the lack of. April 11th Melissa Regal Garrett DCF, Michelle Trayah, Regional Childcare Capacity Group, also someone from the Permanent Fund is coming for a Child Care Summit, April 11th 5:30 at EMS.