

## ENOSBURG BUSINESS INITIATIVE

March 29, 2018 Minutes

*Attendance: Jim Cameron, Stacy Carpenter, Suzi Hull-Parent, David and Sally Tryhorn, Linda Depatie, Heather Murphy, Chris Casavant, Angie Wright, Shawna Lovelette, Tom Benton, Leonard Charron, Ellen Stanley, Rachael Lamoureux*

- Peter Welch Visit Update. Greeted by Jim and Jon Elwell at the Village office then commenced with a short walkabout with Shawna, Suzi, Jennifer and Richard Copperwaith, Jim and Jon. The walk went down one side of main to the Quincy then back up the other, The visit ended with a half-hour visit Q&A session at the Farm to Table. Peter took questions from customers and the group. Everyone felt it went very well

Welcome Center Update on info from DOT on property information. Depending how far from the center of the railroad bed will determine if there is any possibility of purchase or remain a lease. Leases are charged according to formulas, that they have for commercial/private/industrial. Formulas are consistent, I do not know about non-profit. Discussion continued around "Welcome Center" or "Community Center". Conversation around who has ownership, what's required to become tax exempt – voter approval, maintenance who takes it on, Who will occupy, Will it be taxed. Heather stated with grant money you need to have potential matches, etc , Grant then purchase in that order for many grants. Do we need to know which property we are going for first or not. Jim thought \$150K to \$200K for a welcome center. How and who decides what the plan is. Not a power conversation but a movement question. Restorative economic center, based around economic and career development is also something Heather just saw some material around. To see more around this the link are: <http://designingjustice.org/restore-oakland-phase-i/> and <https://oaklandnorth.net/2018/02/20/restore-oakland-combines-a-restorative-economic-and-justice/>

Meeting place. (note google more info). Does this new grant incorporate the question do we need welcome center or community center or is it just visage, recreation and branding? Inventory of Village and Town property, what do we have, how is it used? What is our capital plan? Feel the need for a needs assessment. How do we decide. Jim feels this should be a municipal building, then a plan on how it is managed? Greta's Northern Borders Grant application will be dealing directly with signage on the rail trail. Steve's Grant will be doing a kiosk at Lawyer's landing. Northern Borders will not be funding this in this year. Search continues

Ben Doyle said there may be money to do a feasibility study for an incubator building

Better Connections Grant needs a steering committee comprised of representatives from: Historical Society, Rise, School, CHCC, EBA, REC, 2 At Large, Enosburg Falls Economic, Trustee, Selectboard. Send an email to indicate interest.

Teacher student connection happening, Heather helping Jim with this.

Art in the Park May 26th Jennifer heading this off.

Sarah and Steve put together two grants – get the info from them.

**Economic Development is meeting next Wednesday 4/4 at 3:30 -Focus on getting some \$\$, would like to get an evolving loan fund.**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30 at LaQuinta, Regional Rec and Calendar website.**

- **May Bike Month** – The project kickoff for the Grant is a bike month event as written in the application. Stacey Carpenter has been working with RISE VT to get this done. Stacey shared a bike month agenda: Dates, Times and Locations to be determined or confirmed
  - Saturday May 13 Tune up/Community Bike Swap to coincide with Green Up Day/Beautification Day in Enosburg – Posters coming out.
  - Friday May 11 Bike to Work Day, Lunch Bide ride on MRVT
  
  - Friday May 18 Walk/Bike to school day, Community dinner hosted by EES
  - Month of May Bike BINGO to include local events with incentives.
  
- **Announcements:**
  - June 8<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of Preservation Trust of VT, conference in Bristol, bringing in a national speaker. Might be a good opportunity to attend.

Put in new dates. Next planning meeting 4/5 8:30 am at the Quincy.  
Next regular meeting 4/12 5:30-7:00 at the Emergency Services Building.

Look at village and town meeting schedule and look to how we can incorporate one of our monthly meetings at theirs. Bring a calendar to the morning planning meeting.