

ENOSBURG BUSINESS INITIATIVE - April 26, 2018 Minutes

Attendance: Jim Cameron, Suzi Hull-Parent, Angie Wright, Tom Benton, Ellen Stanley, Andre Viens, Matt Miner, Sarah Tougas, Betsy Dorminey, Dean Wright, Marvin Johnson, Tim Johnson and Dan Johnson, Sandra Ferland.

Suzi gave update on facilitating the Welcome Center proposal. Paul Costello referred Peter Fairweather. Peter thinks that the person doing the grant work would be a good person to do the facilitation and he might be interested in that position. He will get back after he sees the RFP. Jim is going to follow up with Chip and Dominic or David Southwick as possible facilitators. Suzi will get the RFP to Peter Fairweather to follow up on time and money associated with his work.

Steering Committee overview: Select board – Billie Jo Draper, Trustee -?, School- ?, CHCC ?, Historical Society – Matt Minor, EBA- Jennifer Bright, EFEDC – will pick Friday. Jim will follow up with Trustees, Angie will follow up with Select board, Suzi will follow up with School and CHCC.

Welcome Center - Andre Viens, visited with Sandi Murphy. She is willing to rent to us for \$400 (front of the building and bathroom) a month through the end of October for a trial run. Talked about hours and staffing for the Welcome Center, possibly Friday – Sunday. Volunteers? Put the plea out for volunteers on Front Porch Forum, Sandy and I will organize. We have the means to create an ADA accessible bathroom. EBA will be asked if they can come up with \$200 per month to pay a share and EFEDC will be asked for a share. The Honor Society, the JROTC and others may be able to help, community service, Athletic leadership and Teams.

Parade Committee – Chris has volunteered help with the float. Suzi send the application in. Betsy Dorminey will pitch in via long distance and will phone conference in. Ellen will be helpful and take the lead on a meeting (EBA, REC, RISE, Northern Forest Canoe, Rail Trail, Historic) Canoes, Kayaks, boom truck, etc.

T-Shirts- Angie spoke with Mountain View got prices for front and front back and graphic. Many colors and thoughts, Angie will put out an email, replies by end of business Friday and will run with it.

Masons Hall - Will assess with Jason on Friday at 8:15 on what is paint needed and what is rot. Staging, lifts and two small crews in place, need more volunteers. More info to follow after the assessment piece.

Economic Development (EFEDC) is meeting next Wednesday 5/2 at 3:30 – Grant for the revolving loan fund (\$60,000) is going in on Monday and the other is for someone to look at the EFEDC property and what should be done with that land, \$30,000 grant, goes in on Monday as well. Another Grant to add to the revolving loan is the Northern Borders grant and is due May 11th. FCIDC has a \$250,000 revolving loan fund already in existence. A person from EF will be on the FCIDC loan committee.

Reminder - June 8th Annual meeting of Preservation Trust of VT, conference in Bristol, bringing in a national speaker. Might be a good opportunity to attend.

May 2nd 6:30 EMS building looking at the Town Plan

Next planning meeting 5/3 8:30 am next regular meeting 5/10 5:30-7:00 at the Emergency Services Building. **Summer schedule for June, July and August First Thursday of the month will be EI.**

Jim will craft an email to Larry Gervais and Walter Scott, to see if one can move a meeting date to match the other for a reoccurring common meeting time in the hopes EI can meet with both boards more frequently.