

## TOWN OF PITTSFIELD Community Development Committee Town Office 85 Main Street

Pittsfield, NH 03263 January 8, 2020

- 1. Meeting began at 6:33.
- 2. Attendees: Louie Houle (LH), Fred Endler (FE), and Ellen Barbasso (EB).
- 3. Minutes for December 11, 2019 approved and accepted as written

## 4. First Impressions

Louie spoke to Jared about the lack of enthusiasm about it. Louie thinks we should tone it down a little. People don't really seem to be committed to it. We would like to find someone who could be the head of First Impressions in Pittsfield. Their next meeting is Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

## 4. Solar Farm

In order to put in the solar farm we would need to have a bigger system. If we had community solar the town would own the power company. We would have to have a new meter for everyone who uses the town power. Eversource would still own the lines and we would have to pay a distribution fee for the lines. If they (the lines) went down, Eversource would be the ones to replace them. The town would have to figure out how to do the billing. However, there are companies that manage the metering and billing. If we had other towns using the solar power we would have more funds available.

## 5. Grants

Louie met with business owners who had been awarded the façade grants. As long as they can show they spent the money on improving their business property, they will get the money. He asked Jared Reynolds if we can apply for another grant. It probably will not be a façade grant, but Jared will check on it. Some businesses that might be able to use a grant are: Bell Brothers Gas Station, Pittsfield Players, No Worries Storage.

We could apply for the CDFA grant and if we got it, could hire someone to be a Town Planner. That person could find other grant that we could apply for.

6. Next meeting will be January 22, 2020, at 6:30pm.

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:1/2 P.M

Submitted by

Louie Houle-Chairman

Minutes taken by: Ellen Barbasso, Secretary