



TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
Economic Development Committee
85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263
March 8, 2017

1. Meeting opened at 6:31.
2. Attendees: Roland Carter (RC), Ted Mitchel (TM), Louie Houle (LH), Jim Allard (JA) and Ellen Barbasso (EB).
3. Minutes of February 15, 2017 were approved and accepted.
Minutes of February 22, 2017 were approved and accepted.
4. 79E Exemption –
 - A. A business on Fayette St wants to apply for a 79E tax exemption
 - B. Roland spoke to Cara Marston about it.
 - C. We should have a plan in place
 1. Set up a 3-5 year plan, preferably 3 years
 2. Set some kind of standard procedure
 3. The Select Board should vote on a standard procedure
 4. To be discussed in depth at the next meeting
5. It was suggested that we have a description of the role of the EDC and EDC members
 - A. Expectation of how number of meetings a person should attend (how many can they miss before being asked to leave)
 - B. Business person or someone who is in the Chamber of Commerce (i.e. Ever Better Eating, Kentek, Globe, Podmore)
6. Orton Family Foundation (in Vermont)
 - A. Community Heart and Soul plan is a way for a community to grow
 - B. Get help from Pittsfield Listens – first we need a goal
 - C. Need to get people from other boards to be involved
 - D. They want to send someone to one of our meetings (possibly on March 22)
7. Other:
 - A. Discussion about solar energy – possible places where it could be set up
 - B. Pittsfield Food Pantry will be moving to Atlantic Safety building-owner is helping them
 - C. Historical Society is moving to Main Street.
 - D. Someone at UNH Cooperative is still interested in working with us as a grant writer-we could get a grad student-we pay them and they get the experience
 - E. Try to improve the outward appearance of empty buildings especially 37 Main – get a group of raiders to mow the lawn and plant flowers
 - F. A food coop would be a good type of business for our town – we have people who grow crops and maybe we could have a community garden.
 - G. If landlords improve their buildings they could get better clientele

8. Next meeting will be March 22, 2017.

9. Meeting closed at 7:49 P.M.

Submitted by _____
Roland Carter, Chairman

Minutes taken by: Ellen Barbasso, Secretary