



TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
Economic Development Committee
PO Box 98, 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263
April 16, 2016

1. Meeting opened at 9:05 A.M..
2. Attendees: Karen Healey, Alice Veenstra, George Hunter, Katy Easterly, Brian Eldridge, Beverly Pietlicky, Roland Carter, Nick Hayes, Ted Mitchell (TM), Lyn Roberts (LR), Donna Ward (DW), and Ellen Barbasso (EB), and facilitator Stu Arnett (Arnett Development Group).
3. Grant Writing Forum
 - A. Grants are public financing tools to help build communities
 1. Affordable housing
 2. Build economy
 3. Improve community assets
 - B. Before applying for a grant you need to know
 1. Who will be using the tools? (builder)
 2. Does the town have resources, community support, skills and patience?
 3. What is the town building? (have budget, blueprint, what will be signs of success)
 - C. Some grants require matching funds from the town/community
 - D. Some can be stacked so one provides the matching funds the other requires
 - E. Some grants are available only if it helps businesses or housing directly
 - F. They may be used to help start incubators
4. Examples
 - A. Berlin had 500 excess housing units. They were able to get funding to tear down 300 of them and build shops for businesses. (New Markets Tax Credit)
 - B. Laconia repurposing vacant theater
 - C. Claremont used old mill buildings for incubators
5. Beverly from the Carpenter Library was asking about a grant to fix the library-she spoke with several of the guest speakers
6. Future Action: Community Cook Out
 - A. Public hearing-open discussion forum on tax deeded properties
 - B. Pose Questions at different sites on the field (Drake's Field)
 - C. Someone from each board should be on planning of the activity
 - D. Integrate EDC with Master Plan Committee
7. Next meeting will be April 20, 2016
8. Meeting closed at 11:50.

Submitted by _____
Ted Mitchell

Minutes taken by: Ellen Barbasso, Secretary