

Pittsfield Economic Development Committee
Town of Pittsfield
PO Box 98 – 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263
January 20, 2016

1. Meeting opened at 6:37.
2. Attendees: Ted Mitchell (TM), Nick Hayes (NH), Donna Ward (DW), Roland Carter (RC) and Ellen Barbasso (EB).
3. Minutes for January 6, 2016 were accepted and approved as written.
4. E-mail from Dee-
 - A. Need to change heading – see sample from her
 - B. Change format so she can print it
5. Project list
 - A. Nick Hayes will set up a Facebook page
 - B. It will be put on Selectmen's meeting notes
6. Business list –
 - A. Several people have a few more businesses to contact.
 - B. Ted needs it by Friday
7. Sub Committee for Future Pittsfield Downtown Appearance
 - A. It is on hold until after the Town elections and Meeting in March
 - B. TM will send a letter to different departments asking people to be on the committee
 - C. Limit it to 10 people
8. EDC Website
 - A. Cost is expensive (\$1,200-\$1,500) to build it to look like previous website.
 - B. Contract with current company will lapse in the summer
 - C. We could put a link to the old web site, it just will not be updated.
9. Business Plan for future town owned property
 - A. Look at current inventory
 - B. Discuss what they can be used for prior to the Spring auction.
 - C. NH will get a copy of the current inventory
10. Grant Writing forum
 - A. Will be in March
 - B. TM will talk with Matt Monahan about who would be able to do it
 - C. Dr. John Freeman (Superintendent of Schools) would be a good person to contact

11. Front page article for the Suncook Sun
 - A. Submit to TM ideas for this article (an end of year summary)
 - B. NH suggested writing about the story behind the addition to the sign at Exit Realty

12. Survey of Business Owners
 - A. Need list of current businesses first
 - B. NH will build the summary
 - C. What can EDC do to help them

13. Weekend Business Showcase/Craft Fair
 - A. At the last one it was mostly businesses owners who showed up, very few from public
 - B. Try to get some local craftsmen
 - C. Try to get a joint meeting with Old Home Day Committee
 - D. Try to set a specific weekend (rather than have it coincide with the races at Loudon)

14. Other
 - A. Nick, Ted, Cara Marston, Brian Eldridge, and Eric Nillson, went to hearing on a bill to have Main Street reconstructed over the next 5 years
 1. Non-numbered state roads are last on the priority list
 2. They fund state roads that have a 10 year plan-we do not have a 10 year plan
 3. There is discussion about the town taking over maintenance of Main St, if the state paves it first
 4. Also need sidewalks, drainage and upgrades on sewer
 5. Need to have the whole road redone, not just a pave over
 6. This would be a 3-5 year window

 - B. Brownfields Advisory Committee
 1. TM and Jim Pritchard attended a meeting on January 19, 2016.
 2. CNHRPC has received \$400,000 in grant money for this work
 2. 8 towns have submitted requests
 3. Will be narrowed down to 3 places

13. Next meeting will be February 3, 2016

14. Meeting closed at 7:30.

Submitted by



Ted Mitchell

Minutes taken by:

Ellen Barbasso, Secretary