



TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
Community Development Committee
Town Office 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263
June 26, 2019

1. Meeting began at 6:30.

2. Attendees: Louie Houle (LH), Dale Frizzelle (DF), Marty Brennan (MB), Ellen Barbasso (EB), Bill Miskoe and Ralph O'Dell

3. Minutes for May 22, 2019 approved and accepted.

4. Solar Charging Station for electric cars

Jim Allard had gone to CNHRPC for information about the charging stations. The state of NH received money from VW (about \$14 million) to replace aged trucks. Part of the money would be used to buy electric buses. About 4.5 million would be used to construct passenger car charging stations. Pittsfield would be a good place for it. Bill Miskoe came up with a list of places where the charging stations could be located. There are 2 town owned properties and 4 privately owned properties.

We would have to submit an application which is due in July. Marty found a web site and a person that can be contacted about it.

5. Rail Trail

Ralph O'Dell and Louie Houle went to a meeting about the Rail Trail in our area. In Epsom there is real interest and enthusiasm. Epsom has \$10,000 to do improvements on the trail in their area. We need someone from Pittsfield to be a leader for our section of it. Some of the land is on private property and we would need permission to use it. That can be the biggest challenge. Part of the trail comes into downtown. That would be a good place for people to rest or get some food. We already have a biking group that rides on Wednesdays. They may be interested in a hiking, biking, ski trail. We could put information about it on Facebook but just limit it by having "No Comments". The town already has a right-of-way on some of the trail by Whites Brook and the waste water treatment plant.

We could have information about it for Old Home Day and bring the map showing the trail.

6. Library Barn: There is going to be a meeting about this on July 17 at 5pm at the Library. There is a Facebook page asking "What can be done with the barn?"

7. First Impressions: Jared Reynolds will be here for our next meeting on July 15

Trash Cans - George Batchelder would be in charge of emptying them. We would also like to purchase a few more, to be placed at Dustin's Park, the Town Pool and Bell Brothers. Louie spoke to Dave Harper about making the kiosks.

8. Solar Project:

Is on hold for the time being. The Governor may be vetoing a bill that would allow net metering. There is also a species of turtle that is nesting in the area where the solar panels would be located. Fish & Game has checked it out and said there is no problem.

9. Pittsfield Main Street Façade Grant

Cara Marston received a letter saying that we would have to meet other requirements. Need to show that which buildings would be affected.

10. Other: Mr. Gamble has had a few personal things that he had to attend to. He will be back. The son who had been helping him with his construction work had died. He will continue to work on the house next to Town Hall.

It was suggested that perhaps we could have a book swap next to the kiosks (or at BECP Transfer Station). It has worked in other towns. People can donate their books and pick up a new one to read.

11. Next meeting will be July 10, 2019, at 6:30pm.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Submitted by

Louie Houle-Chairman

Minutes taken by:

Ellen Barbasso, Secretary