

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD

Community Development Committee Town Office 85 Main Street Pittsfield, NH 03263 April 10, 2019

- 1. Meeting began at 6:33.
- 2. Attendees: Louie Houle (LH), Fred Endler (FE), Dale Frizzell (DF), Ellen Barbasso (EB), Tracy Huyck, Marty Brennan,
- 3. Minutes for March 27, 2019 approved and accepted.
- 4. Library is still waiting for a report from Preservation Alliance.

They were at the Library in March. They are writing a report on how the barn is and what it would take to renovate it. There are some structural problems and it would take an experienced person to fix it, such as an architect or structural engineer. We would probably also need a plumber and an electrician. We could apply for an L-Chip Grant which can be used to restore old buildings. The state would take over the process. We could apply for a federal grant, but a limited number of them are given out each year. It would be helpful if we could indicate what that room could be used for i.e. meeting room, so it's not just another room in the library.

5. First Impressions

The paperwork was sent out. It is for a 50/50 grant. If we do get it, the businesses would put up 50% of the cost of renovation and the grant would provide another 50% of the cost. There are 5-6 businesses: Ping Garden, Pittsfield Main Street Variety, Epping Well, Jack's Pizza, and ESL

6. Solar Project:

A letter of Intent was signed (along with a copy of the lease) and sent to the town Attorneys. They will review it. About \$125,000 would come into the town just for renting the property. They already sent engineers in to study the property. There should be minimal imprint on the ground. The water treatment plant is near the property and they are the largest users of electricity in town. They would benefit greatly if they could be hooked up to the solar power

7. The CDC is going to take a trip to Milton, NH to see their solar array. We would like to know what the people who live there think about having solar power for their town.

8. Brownfields:

A brownfields study was done of Fuzz Freeze's property. It can be cleaned up within 5 years. He and his sister want to sell it by then. It could be used for a green space/recreational area, or a community market area. Fred will get in touch with Mike Tardiff of CNHRPC. There may be federal money available to clean up the area. A business already in Pittsfield may be interested in expanding and may be interested in that space.

9. Next Wednesday (April 17th) at 6pm there will be a meeting for the Suncook Valley Rail Trails. They would like to have a trail from Bear Brook State Park to Barnstead. The state is putting money into this project in other towns. It would be beneficial to our town

10. Next meeting will be April 24, 2019, at 6:30pm

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

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Submitted by

Minutes taken by:

Ellen Barbasso, Secretary

Louie Houle-Chairman