

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
Community Development Committee
Town Office 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263
August 28, 2019

1. Meeting began at 6:30.

2. Attendees: Louie Houle (LH), Fred Endler (FE), Dale Frizzel (DF) , Marty Brennan (MB), Jim Allard (JE), Ellen Barbasso (EB), Gail Allard, Leslie Vogt, Cedric Dustin, Clayton Wood, Anne Marie Chapman, and Joshua Chapman,

3. Minutes for August 14, 2019 accepted and approved.

4. Town Newspaper:

Leslie Vogt had done research on getting a local paper. The town of Weare lost their paper about 3 years ago. Their public library publishes a 4 page paper. They put it on a website and distribute 300 papers each week with no advertising or paper cost. The library director is able to devote 8-10 hours per week towards the paper. The cost is about \$32.00 per week. Leslie has spoken to the library trustees, and the school board. It might be possible to get the youth involved in it so they can get credit for it.

Our library is about half the size of the one in Weare. We would not be able to do it the way they do. We would need an editor. It was suggested that maybe we could have several people do it on a rotating basis so that one person would not be over-burdened. We might need about \$1,200-1,600 per year for the paper to pay the cost of paper and ink. It is possible the Sanderson Fund may be able to provide a grant. If we could get another grant from another source that would help. We could also ask for donations from people in the town. We would need a person to run it. Other committees need to have some participation and provide information about meetings. Andi Riel has the Town Crier column in Concord Monitor. She could possibly put in a request for an editor for a local paper for Pittsfield and see what the responses are.

If we keep it to a minimum we don't have to worry about placing ads and dealing with the money for them. Some information that could be included: schedule of town meetings and meetings of different boards. It could also highlight different businesses or interesting things going on in town.

5. Other:

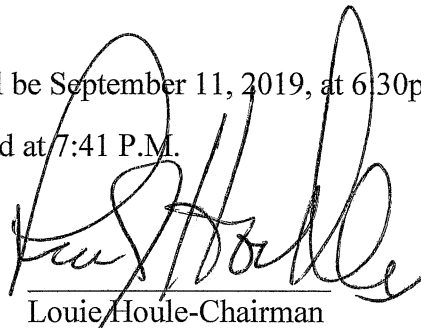
Jim Allard mentioned that there has been positive comments about the CDC. The solar project is moving along. Pittsfield Storage is making progress on their additional property. They will have a climate controlled building.

The Library barn- The library does not want to give up the property. The land behind it has over 2 acres and it is sloped. Would be a good venue for concerts.

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

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Submitted by



Louie Houle-Chairman

Minutes taken by: Ellen Barbasso, Secretary