



TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
Community Development Committee
Town Office 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263
August 9, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 3:06.
2. Attendees: Roland Carter (RC), Jim Allard (JA), Louie Houle (LH), Cara Marston, Ellen Barbasso (EB), Kevin Gibson, Chris Wellington and Deborah McManus Avery
Absent: Clayton Wood (CW),
3. Minutes for July 26, 2017 were accepted and approved with a correction: under item 6 change “rep” to “Senator.”
4. Chris Wellington from Capital Regional Development Council
 - A. Covers 51 communities
 - B. Offers financial help to small business tied to job creation, economic development consulting and development work
 - C. Pittsfield is similar to other small NH communities
 - D. We have 2 major employers: Rustic Crust and Globe
 - E. Globe was recently sold and Pittsfield and the state want to keep them here.
 1. They need stitchers-there is a lack of them here,
 2. They are currently running only 1 shift, if they had 2 shifts more work could be done
 3. Tom Betris is new “manager” wants to stay and have business grow in town.
He also wants to live in town
 - F. Rustic Crust is also looking for employees-
There is no public transportation to help people get here
Lack of qualified employees
5. NH State Department of Business and Economic Affairs
 - A. Economic development and Travel and Tourism are now under this department
 - B. There will be a job fair at Steeplegate mall in September-send business reps there
 - C. October is NH Manufacturing Month

We should try to have a plan to regularly meet with business owners. If we need to we can request a state official to bring them together.

6. Other:
 - Solar power is something that could be done in our town
 - Try to get coordination between the school and businesses.
 - Our town is similar to Gardener Maine – which was helped by Orton Family Foundation.
 - We lack coordination/ cohesiveness
 - Need committees and boards to communicate with each other

Bow NH has vibrant economic development (good example of a town that is improving)
Deb said they made their process easier

Liquor store is important to our town. It supports downtown-important to keep it here-
Deb was not aware of any problems with moving it, but will look into it.

Chris suggested we have a plan to regularly meet with businesses
Invite Paul Colby (Northwood Town Planner) to our next meeting

7. Next meeting will be August 23, 2017, at 6:30pm

8. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Submitted by _____
Roland Carter, Chairman

Minutes taken by: Ellen Barbasso, Secretary