



TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
Community Development Committee
Town Office 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263
August 14, 2019

1. Meeting began at 6:35.

2. Attendees: Louie Houle (LH), Fred Endler (FE), , Marty Brennan (MB), Ellen Barbasso (EB), Tracy Huyck,, Teresa Endler, Anne Marie Chapman, Joshua Chapman, and Leslie Vogt.

3. Minutes for July 24, 2019 approved with revisions. Topic 9 change wording to “need to promote a positive attitude”.

4. Solar Farm Project:

We can put 1 megawatt farm on 6-7 acres of town property. Fish & Game said the impact on wildlife is minimal to none. There is no problem with turtles. The energy and solar panels would not hurt them. The company can raise the fence a little so they can cross over to area outside the solar farm. There are several other people who are putting in solar farms on their property.

5. Rail Trail

Other towns are moving forward with the project. There is no one in Pittsfield to head up a committee or group.

6. Community Group Meeting

The purpose of the meeting would be to pull groups together to promote communication, especially when events are going on. We don't have a local paper right now, so this would be one way to get information to people. A Facebook page could work also, as long as it just lists events (no comments!)

7. Leslie Vogt is doing research on getting a local paper (people miss the Suncook Sun).The town of Weare lost their paper about 3 years ago. The 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. Our librarian is not able to do that. Leslie made the suggestion that perhaps students at the high school could do it as a Learning Studies project, and get credit for it. They could also distribute in large quantities at locations where people could pick them up (i.e. Danis, Library, Town Hall, Jitters and other businesses). The problem would be in the summer when school is not in session. It was suggested that maybe PYW could do it.

When the local paper in Loudon stopped publishing the town made their own. There was a cost for it that the town did pay, and it did run ads. The person selling the ads got a percentage of the ads that were sold.