

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
Community Development Committee
Town Office 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263
January 23, 2019

1. Meeting began at 6:31.

2. Attendees: Louie Houle (LH), Fred Endler (FE), Jim Allard (JA), Bob Schifferle, Ellen Barbasso (EB), Matt Monahan from CNHRPC and Steve Richerich (a geologist) from Ransom Consulting. (Absent: Dale Frizzle.)

3. Matt Monahan said there are two brownfields grants that are in progress in Pittsfield right now.

2/3's of the money from the grant is used for assessments. The last 1/3 is for the actual clean up. When the Grant is available the town has 3 years to use the money.

Phase 1 is Research and Site Planning. Which includes walking the grounds to see what is actually on the surface of the area and the extent of the problem. Then they have to decide what is the best way to clean up the site. Sometimes they can just move soil. Other times they can cap the soil. If there are contaminants below ground it would have to be moved and cleaned..

Phase 2 is Testing the ground for contaminants. If the soil is acceptable it can be reused. They check for hazardous materials and petroleum.

Phase 3 What is the remedial action? And to determine how the site will be reused.

Steve's company is one of 3 environmental companies that CNHRPC uses for the Brownfields projects.

For the Freese property: Phase 1 was to check for and remove hazardous and non-hazardous materials that had been tossed there over many years (through the 1950's and 60's). There was some asbestos that had to be removed. It did not affect the drinking water.

For the Public Works area the soil and ground water were tested. There were no contaminants.

Steve told us that the ground water flows away from the Town Pool, (any contamination would not go to the town pool area.

4. 2011 Charrette

According to the Charrette, that was done in 2011, several ideas were proposed. Both properties that are currently brownfield's (Freese and Highway Dept shed) were part of the Charrette area. We need to get in touch with Master Plan Committee, so they can use the Charrette in their planning process. They need to focus on revitalization. It can be done when some areas are cleaned up, so a developer or business will find it attractive.

Many towns in our area have residual creosote from the coal that was used by the trains that passed through Pittsfield, Epsom and Chichester.

We also need to be thinking of the next area that could use a clean up. Matt said to let him know if we come up with any areas that can be checked out. (We can let him know about the Barn next to the Library.) They can be sold and reused.

5. There is a Solar company that is interested in Pittsfield. They would like a letter of intent before they make any proposals. We have checked out several others. Pinegate Solar is the one that shows the most interest in Pittsfield.

6. We need to have a revised Mission Statement that is agreeable to the other boards and committees. We need a common focus especially with Planning and Zoning Boards for the benefit of the future of Pittsfield.

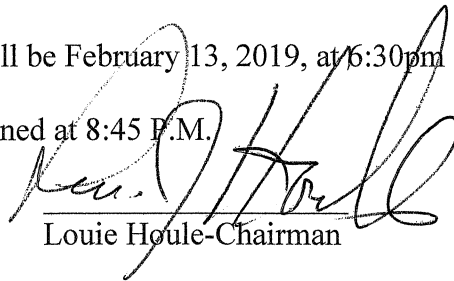
7. There will be a deliberative session for the School District Meeting on February 6, 2019 at 7pm at PES

8. There will be a First Impressions meeting on the second Monday, February 11, 2019 at Town Hall

9. Next meeting will be February 13, 2019, at 6:30pm

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Submitted by



Louie Houle-Chairman

Minutes taken by: Ellen Barbasso, Secretary