



TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
Community Development Committee
Town Office 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263
October 24, 2018

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35.
2. Attendees: Louie Houle (LH), Fred Endler (FE), Dale Frizzell (DF), Ellen Barbasso (EB), and Clayton Wood. Dale was voted in as a member by the Select Board on Tuesday.
3. Approval of Minutes. Minutes from September 26, 2018 corrections: Carsi institute should be “Karsey”
4. First Impressions with people of Pittsfield on October 17
 - A. Good attendance at the meeting. It was a diverse group
 - B. There were a lot of positive comments
 - C. Have to change the way we look at our town
 1. Look at the glass as half full, not half empty
 2. Need to work on our own self image – it can be hard to get people to see the town in a positive light.
 - D. Things to do
 1. try to do something about the empty hole on Main St.- can it be filled in? make a parking lot?
 2. Get store fronts decorated (may be able to get some groups to volunteer to do it-Boy/Girl Scouts, youth groups
 - E. Get more information from Jared Reynolds before we meet on November 15th.
5. List of Available buildings for sale
 - A. Liberty Machine building is for sale
 - B. Fuzza Frieze properties are part of the brownfields area-he may want to sell some of it – Ask Mike Tardiff or Matt Monahan from CNHRPC about grants for cleaning up brown-fields.
 - C. Find out who is the real estate agent for available properties.
6. Town Planner
 - A. We may look into renting/sharing a planner (would cost less than hiring one full time)
 - B. Would cost about \$55/hour for 75 hours to be billed monthly. What is not used would be

turned back to the town.

7. Bike Path

- A. About 15 years ago there was interest in it
- B. Regional plan for Rail Trail for biking and hiking along the Blueberry Express Rail Road from Bear Brook State Park to Barnstead
 - 1. Stops in Epsom at Traffic Circle, in Chichester at the Chichester Country Store and in Pittsfield-downtown area
 - 2. Need to get permission for right of ways from current land owners.

8. Using 79E for Landlords?

- A. Get them to clean up property and reduce number of apartments in the building
Can get better rates and quality of people

9. Other

- A. 33 Main St needs to be closed up for winter so it doesn't deteriorate further
- B. Candidates Night in Epsom at Epsom Library on Sunday October 28 at 2pm
- C. Thursday, November 15th Positively Pittsfield meeting at Town Hall First Impressions.
- D. We need someone who would look out for the welfare of the person opening a business-advocate for them and work with them instead of having delays after they had already started.
- E. Elm Grove is looking to sell their properties
 - 1. We should see if CATCH can help us to upgrade their properties
 - 2. If they look better, people renting may take better care of them
 - 3. They did that with properties in Concord behind Red Apple Restaurant

10. Next meeting will be November 14, 2018, at 6:30pm

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Submitted by

Louie Houle-Chairman

Minutes taken by: Ellen Barbasso, Secretary