



TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
Community Development Committee
Town Office 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263
September 12, 2018

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30.
2. Attendees: Louie Houle (LH), Fred Endler (FE), Ellen Barbasso (EB), Clayton Wood, Jill Edelmann (,Cultural Resource Manager at NHDOT), Leslie Vogt, Sandra Adams (Chair of the board of Library Trustees), Theresa Endler (Library Trustee), Dale Frisel
3. Approval of Minutes. Minutes from August 22, 2018 was approved as written.
4. Jill Edelmann-grants to restore barn (library property)
 - A. Some years many Grants have been approved-last year there were 14 applicants and all of them received funding. Some years there are only 4-5
 - B. We previously requested some buildings to be considered as historical buildings, none of them were barns
 - C. Preservation Alliance can do barn assessments. We can ask them do an assessment on this Barn
 - D. Moose Plate Grant can be used .to fix certain parts of it (like replacing windows) not to be used for maintenance. However since we acquired it in bad shape we may be able to get additional money
 - E. L-Chip Grant is not to be used for maintenance but it needs to have matching funds. We can use the Moose Plate Grant for that (if we get it)
 - F. The Moose Plate Grant is awarded in the beginning of the year.-we can apply for it each year as long as we need to make improvements
 - G. Need to show community supports the effort to restore the building.
5. First Impressions
 - A. Louie H. gave a summary of the First Impressions Meeting between Tilton and Pittsfield.
 - B. There is going to be an open meeting inviting town's people topic: "How do You Want to See Pittsfield Improve?"
 - C. It will be in the Suncook Sun and posters will be in stores and churches around Town
 - D. Meeting will be at PMHS Wednesday October 17.

6. Solar Farm

- A. It would on land owned by the town (95 acres)
- B. The portion to be used would be 70-75 acres
- C. The company would pay Pittsfield \$1,100/per as rental property – 20 year lease
- D. We would also get to tax them \$60-\$70,000/year
- E The governor vetoed a bill earlier this year that would allow us to do this
- F. We would sign a contingency lease-They would have to go to DES – the lines would have to be upgraded and new transformers and sub stations.

7. Project Brownfields

- A. The area by the Town Pool, and shed (old canning factory)
- B. It is wetlands want to rearrange it
- C. Federal money would be involved.
- D. Mike Tardiff (CNHRPC) would help us with that.

8. Town Planner

- A. Last year we talked about trying to get one – Two towns that have become part of the Heart and Soul Program (Franklin and a town in Maine) have used a town planner. That person was helpful in getting businesses going in those towns.
- B. We can speak to Mike Tardiff about that also – find out how much it would cost for a planner or a part time planner (full time planners can be about \$150- \$180,000/year
- C. We can put \$15,000 in the budget for it.
- D. Need to see how planners are used in other towns
- E. Louie and Cara spoke about a “step below” town planner. That person would work on projects and attend committee meetings.
- F. Need to get approval from Select Board.

9. Restore Library Barn Project

- A. Reach out to other committees
- B. Use some of their resources to get it going
- C. We need groups to oversee different things that have to be done to it to get it ready before winter.

10. Next meeting will be September 26, 2018, at 6:30pm

11. First Impressions meeting will be October 3 at 6 pm to discuss logistics for the forum

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Submitted by

Louie Houle-Chairman

Minutes taken by: Ellen Barbasso, Secretary