



TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
Community Development Committee
Town Office 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263
November 8, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35.
2. Attendees: Roland Carter (RC), Jim Allard (JA), Louie Houle (LH), Ellen Barbasso (EB),
Guests: Jared Reynolds (UNH Cooperative Extension), Fred Endler(FE)
3. Minutes from October 25, 2017 accepted.
4. Visioning session with Jared Reynolds
 - A. He is helping us to move forward by getting projects together
 - B. Start by thinking of projects to work on, then narrow it down, then prioritize
 - C. Came up with projects, vision and challenges
 1. Downtown revitalization
 2. Housing and Community
 3. Businesses
 4. Recreation and natural resources
 5. Zoning issues
 6. government-streamline planning and permits
 7. Town Manager should focus on land use
 8. Town Planner promote agriculture
 - D. Set up an organizational chart
 1. First look at the one that had previously been established
 2. Decide where each committee reports to
 3. Publish the information
 - E. Improve the facade of downtown
 1. Pave streets – when that is done, make sure run off from rain does not back up into people’s homes
 2. redo sidewalks
 3. Try to get state to designate 1 highway department for Pittsfield instead of 3
 - F. Have businesses realize they are interrelated. They seem to be isolated
 1. Do something through the Chamber of Commerce
 2. Try to get 15 new businesses by next year
 3. Have a get-together two times a year
 - G. Banks used to invest in the town

H. Have a concrete housing project

1. Get a better relationship with Elm Grove-
2. Work with them-possibly with low interest loan to make improvements to apartments
3. Provide parking – maybe with a car port for renters
4. Work with CATCH to rehab some of the apartments

I. Use Pittsfield Listens to conduct a survey

1. Do a needs assessment
2. Utilize the Suncook Rive
3. Trails
 - a. There is a railroad bed from Barnstead to Bear Brook State Park
 - b. Promote a trail network-hold a regional meeting of towns Epsom, Chichester, Allenstown, and Pittsfield.
4. Sports Complex-companies are looking for places to open

5. Top 4 issues

- A. Make an organizational chart showing responsibilities
- B. Repave sidewalks and roads and add handicapped entrances
- C. Rehab the Union Block-(what steps can we do?)
- D. Conduct a needs assessment

6. Next meeting will be November 29, 2017, at 6:30pm

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Submitted by

Roland Carter, Chairman

Minutes taken by: Ellen Barbasso, Secretary