



TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
Community Development Committee
Town Office 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263
October 11, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30. There was not a quorum therefore this is not an official meeting.
2. Attendees: Roland Carter (RC), Ellen Barbasso (EB),
Guests: Jared Reynolds (UNH Cooperative Extension) Clayton Wood, and Fred _____
3. Discussion with Jared Reynolds
 - A. In order to have economic growth in Pittsfield we need a Town Planner-
He/she would set goals, and action items for committees to work on
We can apply for a grant to pay for that person.
Franklin was got a \$50,000 grant the first year then reapplied for the second year and got \$30,000
It usually requires a commitment from a certain number of businesses and that they will hire a certain number of people. Federal agencies need to quantify their grants to show that they are working i.e. the number of jobs are increased in the town
 - B. UNH has a series of trainings on campus
They could set up a Pilot Program whereby someone from UNH comes out to Pittsfield once a month and does a one hour training session. They would teach some lessons and lead conversations. Other board members would be able to attend.
They would have to set up a schedule and time line to see what would work here. The information would be sent out to the boards.
We could send out fliers to the boards to see who would be interested.
There are 8 topics and they are action oriented-
 - C. Town needs a visionary-someone who can picture an economically viable future for Pittsfield
(in the past there were people who thought "outside the box" but got shut down. Others did not want to speak up after that. Person should also have some technical knowledge about how businesses get started, and what procedures do they have to follow)
 - D. Steering Committee to focus on business retention and business development-members would have to be from local businesses not necessarily a local resident.
4. Other discussion
 - A. Could some trees on Rt 28 be cut to allow people driving by to see part of Pittsfield?
 - B. Try to petition the state to have 107 follow Main Street from Pittsfield to Rt 4 instead of Catamount.
 - C. We should try to sell Pittsfield as a central location to many areas: seacoast, Lakes Region, White Mountains. We are close to many places for seasonal activities hiking, boating, Swimming
 - D. Franklin had investors working with them to streamline the process of opening businesses. We need that here.
 - E. Utilize our state representatives-Carol McGuire and Senator John Regan. There are limited resources at the state level
 - F. Get a graduate intern

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE VISION STATEMENT (2014)

The Economic Development Committee envisions an economically prosperous community in which all decisions by town leaders are based on a unified plan for Pittsfield's future, supported by town officials and residents and guided by Pittsfield's Master Plan.

Economic Development Committee Mission Statement (Revised January 2014)

It is the mission of the Economic Development Committee to promote and improve the economic quality of life for the citizens of Pittsfield.

We continue our efforts to:

1. Improve the size and diversity of the tax base
2. Preserve and revitalize the Downtown
3. Provide guidance to the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board on matters of economic impact
4. Assist existing legitimate businesses
5. Recruit new businesses
6. Educate the public on ways to enhance Pittsfield's image and attractiveness