



TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
Economic Development Committee
85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263
January 11, 2017

1. Meeting opened at 6:31.
2. Attendees: Roland Carter (RC), Donna Ward (DW), Ted Mitchell (TM), Jim A (JA), Ellen Barbasso (EB), Tracy Huyck, Clayton Wood, and Dick Lewis
3. Minutes of December 14, 2016 were accepted and approved.
4. Dick Lewis (city planner) from Franklin NH
 - A. 2 years ago the town of Franklin, UNH Coop and Plan NH worked together to develop Franklin. "Franklin For a Lifetime"
 - B. There were 3 people who were catalysts to get things going: Todd, Marty and Neil.
 1. Todd spoke to people in Concord about getting grants
 2. Someone did have land that was donated to the town
 - C. Colby Sawyer College had an outreach community office that was able to help the town
 - D. They were able to get \$50,000 in grants to get water and sewer to needed areas
 - E. Neil Cannon was a consultant for Downtown Business Coordinator (had over 30 years in NH economic development)
 - F. \$30,000 grant to continue the work Neil had done
 - G. They got a CDFIA grant which gave \$480,000 in tax credits to businesses
 - H. They started VISADE program to fix up building, improve signage
 - I. They were able to get \$400,000 loan and \$100,000 grant from NH Business Finance
 - J. They opened several businesses
 1. A coffee shop run by volunteers
 2. NH Arts and Crafts – local artists
 3. ONE (Outdoor New England) rent and sell kayaks for use on local river
 4. An antique store
 5. They want to establish a white water rafting park
 6. DRED and DES are interested
 7. It is a tourist attraction
 8. They are working to establish a community garden and Eco Village to help serve food at local restaurants
 9. Microbrewery
 10. Able to get high speed internet into the building
 11. The mill building was the "elephant in the room" –
 - a. CATCH (Concord Area Trust for Community Housing) was able to help make affordable housing.
 - b. They put in \$12,000 into affordable housing
5. A town would need a TIFF plan (Pittsfield does already a TIFF district)
6. A town needs to have a person with a vision

7. CATCH was also involved by putting in \$12,000 in affordable planning.
8. Treasury- Stu Arnett (Arnett Development Corp) was paid the balance we owed.
We have a balance of \$1,800.
9. The business survey was pushed out one more month. Information due in February.
10. A representative from DRED will be coming to the Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday
January 17.
11. Next meeting will be January 25, 2017.
12. Meeting closed at 8:45 P.M.

Submitted by

Adam Cote , Chairman

Minutes taken by:

Ellen Barbasso, Secretary

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