

Ossipee Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

Nov. 21 , 2016

Present:

Pat Jones, Donna Gridley, Joe Deighan, Matt Trahan

Guests:

Bob Gillette

Meeting Open at 6:05

II. Approval of last months minutes

Motion to approve:: Donna

Second: Joe

Approved 4 - 0

III. Old Business

A. Commercial Property Inventory

Joe has collected a spreadsheet of all commercial property in town. He is working on getting more detail compiled like availability, mixed use vs. straight commercial. Bob Gillette suggested contacting Lakes Region Planning Commission about putting the data into a map to visualize where commercial property is clustered and available.

B. SWOT questionnaire

Matt reminded the board that the SWOT questionnaire is an important and necessary element to moving forward with any projects that the committee might undertake. He or Ash will be emailing it out to the committee again to ensure everyone has it. Having all members complete the survey by the next meeting is the goal.

C. Ossipee Booklet

Pat Jones indicated Ralph Wurster is working on gathering some historical facts for the Ossipee Booklet. There was no other input. Pat will get Ralph's contact information to Matt or Ash so he can be directly invited to the next meeting.

E. Board Bylaws

Ash had put together a draft of bylaws modeled after the select board's and emailed them out. Matt indicated he would resend them as some members did not seem to have them. The goal was set to have feedback ready and possible approval at the next meeting.

IV. New Business

A. NH Municipal Conference

Matt attended one of the two days of the NH Municipal Association Annual Conference. He was able to sit in on two workshops: Complete Streets: From Planning to Implementation and Making Good Streets Great: A Panel on Main St. Improvement Projects.

Matt indicated that there was a great deal of information packed into the two workshops he was able to attend and that there were many more. He suggested that, next year, more members of the board and the town attend, if possible. He will be writing up a brief summary of the information for the committee and sending it out via email.

Joe suggested and then made the motion to reimburse Matt for the ticket to the conference.

Donna seconded.

Approved 3-0 Matt abstained.

B. Bob Gillette

Bob attended the meeting to inform the committee that the Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust has offered to pay an engineering firm to conduct a build-out study for the town of Ossipee. He indicated all that they require would be a letter by one or more town boards stating that the study would be useful and used in the process of planning and managing the growth of the town. He added that, as a member of the Planning Board and on the committee there to redo the Master Plan, this study would be useful in their efforts. Bob went on to explain that the Trust would have no input into the creation of the study and that an oversight board made up of

various members of different town committees would be the ones working with and supplying information to the engineering company.

Joe indicated that a different organization had requested that the study be done prior to the 2016 Town Meeting and had requested funds from the town to complete it. The selectboard recommended against it and the town voted it down. The question was raised as to whether writing the letter would be going against the will of the legislative body of the town.

Multiple board members also indicated that, also due to history with the build-out study, that voting to move forward with it now might result in a lack of cooperation from other town boards who have rejected the project in the past, namely the selectboard.

Due to these concerns and after discussion, the board decided to table a decision on whether to vote to write the letter so the vote could be done with a larger majority of members present.

V. Public Input

None

Matt motion to adjourn at 7:39

Donna seconded

Approved 4-0

Meeting adjourned.