

Ossipee Economic Development Council

Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2017

The regular meeting of the Ossipee Economic Development Council was called to order at 6:00pm on August 21, 2017 in the Ossipee Main Street Building by Justin Avery.

Committee Members Present

Donna Gridley, Matt Trahan, Pat Jones, Justin Avery and Phillip Villari

Open Items

Approval of July 2017 Minutes:

Mr. Trahan opened the meeting by presenting the July 2017 meeting minutes for approval. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Ms. Gridley seconded the motion, and Mr. Avery abstained as he was not present for the July Meeting. All in favor with one abstention. Motion passed.

New Business

Introduce Mr. Phillip Villari and proposal to add him as a council member:

Mr. Trahan introduced Mr. Phillip “Phill” Villari to the council and spoke on his behalf as to why Mr. Villari would be a good addition to the council and would like the council to consider voting him in as a member. Mr. Avery made a motion to accept Mr. Villari as the newest member of the Ossipee Economic Development Council, Ms. Gridley seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion passed.

Old Business

Realtor Meeting Follow up letters:

Mr. Avery will send thank you letters out to the realtors that attended the special June meeting. Mr. Trahan stated that there was some questions regarding a zoning issue that he thought should be referenced in the letter to provide clarification to the realtors that expressed concern. Mr. Avery will reach out to Bob Gillette before mailing the letters to obtain some clarification.

Review of the proposed by-laws:

Mr. Trahan opened a discussion on the proposed by laws that Mr. Fischbein had provided to the council for their review. A general discussion regarding the language and pieces of the bylaws ensued. Mr. Avery took notes on the proposed alterations of the bylaws. A final draft of the Council’s bylaws will be prepared for a council vote of approval for September’s meeting.

OEDC Mission Statement:

Mr. Trahan opened a discussion regarding the sample mission statements proposed to the council. Ms. Jones voiced her approval of the second sample, as she felt it completely encompasses the original intention of the OEDC. The rest of the council was in agreement with Ms. Jones' comments. Mr. Trahan made a motion to accept the new mission statement for the OEDC council, Ms. Jones seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion passed.

Website Design/Logo:

Mr. Trahan stated that in the absence of Mr. Fischbein who had been working diligently on the website and council logo, that it would be best to table the discussion on the website until the September meeting.

Center Ossipee Playground Project:

Mr. Trahan informed the council that he and Mr. Fischbein had conducted some research on the playground project discussed at previous council meetings. The two gentlemen had reviewed the deeds however there were still questions as the language of the deeds was not present. Ms. Gridley stated that the language of the deeds could be obtained online through the registry of deeds. Ms. Gridley volunteered to get copies for the council and distribute for review. Ms. Gridley also stated that at some point the council should invite the Recreation Director for the Parks and Recreation Department to come visit an OEDC meeting once the busy summer season is over. Mr. Villari inquired as to what the council's intentions were with regards to the park, Mr. Trahan provided a brief summary. Ms. Gridley suggested someone should take a look at some of the age specific features of "The Nick" in Wolfeboro to see examples of what other towns have previously done. Mr. Avery volunteered to collect pictures to share with the Council. Mr. Trahan suggested that it would be wise if more research was done to harvest experts in the playground construction world in order to mine the minds of the experts. The council members agreed.

Ms. Jones exited the meeting at 7 pm.

Mr. Villari- What makes an attractive New England Town:

Mr. Villari provided some ideas of his that he thought the council may want to incorporate into their strategic planning. Mr. Villari also stated that his thoughts were just suggestions to consider and that for anything to truly be accomplished, efforts would need to be made outside of the regularly scheduled meetings. A general discussion ensued about the various topics and assigning projects of interest to specific council members and empower them to "take the ball and run with it" with the idea that before any commitment on behalf of the council be made, a discussion would take place and a vote would be taken. The council members agreed that this practice as suggested by Mr. Villari would yield positive results.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6:00 pm on September 18, 2017 in the Ossipee Main Street Building, 15 Moultonville Road, Center Ossipee.

Minutes submitted by: Justin Avery

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