

Economic Development
March 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Fran Newton, Benoit Lamontagne, Mardean Bader, and Levi Bradley present.

OPEN ISSUES

Town Beach

Barry Gaw made a presentation about the town beach. The idea is to create a town asset that benefits the community, provides public access to the lake, and access for adaptive sports. The proposal includes extending the breakwater, putting in pavilions, realignment of the road, and reconstruction of the bath house. Funding would come from private sector and grants, similar to Whitten Woods. Barry Gaw has spoken with Ann Barney, Director of Parks and Recreation, and NHDES. NHDES was supportive of the proposal and asked Barry to meet with the town to see whether the town would support the project. One of the benefits would be to prevent sand and silt from going down the river. It is likely that the project would be done in phases.

Town Revaluation

Barry Gaw asked why the town's revaluation has gone down when the valuation of towns in Grafton County has gone up. Fran Newton said that she would investigate the situation. Barry also asked how the valuation of the town can be raised. The next step would be to go to the Select Board and the Planning Board.

Mill Redevelopment

The committee discussed the mill and possibilities for redevelopment. Levi mentioned the rail program and developing connecting trails to businesses, historical sites, and services. Levi mentioned the legal issues involved in the town taking the building for taxes, and Fran said that Primex will not insure the Heath Building, which is now being evaluated by CDFA to determine whether it is suitable for housing.

Gateway Sign

Fran brought up the idea of a gateway sign.

Trello

Levi provided a brief demonstration of Trello, a free software product for organizing projects.

Email List

Fran will put together a comprehensive email list.

Information Kiosks

Mardean will find out the conditions the kiosks.

Social Media

Levi said that Anthony is working on a social media page.

Future Meetings

The next meeting will be March 26th at the Water and Sewer Conference Room. The following meeting will be on April 18th at Mill #3.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

David Toth