

ASHLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2017

6:30 pm

Ashland Fire Station

Committee Members Present:

Steve Felton (Chairperson), Cheryl Cox, Beno Lamontagne, Susan MacLeod, Fran Newton, *Ex Officio* Selectman; David Toth

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes: October 23, 2017: Fran motioned to accept as written; Beno seconded; All in favor.

Fall Meeting: Date: Wed., Nov. 29, 10 am, with 9 am for set-up. Location: American Legion Hall. Food: Fran will be getting answer tomorrow from MVSb whether they will sponsor. She will also follow up with CMan to donate food if bank does not underwrite the expense. Contact lists: Committee went through lists to identify invitees and updated some contact information. Also to be invited: Town officials and PSU professors and their students. Invitations to go out next week (via Evite) with RSVP by Fri., Nov. 24 and follow up calls on Monday. Format: Introduction, facilitated break-out sessions, wrap-up and lunch. Several sources suggested for finding a facilitator.

Publicity: Steve's letter on progress in Ashland (written with help from David Toth) was published today in both the *Record Enterprise* and *Laconia Daily Sun*.

Other: Brownfields 2 Update: Fran reported that Tim Andrews had sent information that the building materials assessment was done; minor concentrations of PCBs detected; current soil samples and preliminary groundwater test results are "fairly innocuous"; groundwater interior well testing postponed due to heavy rain events and are rescheduled for Nov. 8.

Action items: Fall Meeting

- Finalized invitation to go out week of Nov. 6 – Steve and Fran
- Draft an overview of vision for our presentation -- Steve
- Technology: Water & Sewer to borrow projector -- Fran
- Food: finalize – Fran
- Formulate discussion topics for break-out sessions – All
- Seek a professional facilitator – All
- Invite George Bald as a speaker -- Beno
- Media coverage: Salmon Press – Fran; *Union Leader* – Beno
- Continue contact with professors from PSU on interns -- Susan
- Confirm Fire Station availability for next meetings – Steve

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

The next meetings: Monday, Nov. 13, and Tuesday, Nov. 21 6:30 pm at the Fire Station

Minutes submitted by Susan MacLeod