

Minutes
Ashland Economic Development Committee
March 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mardean Bader, Anthony Adamsky, and Levi Bradley present.

OPEN ISSUES

Levi reviewed the key points from the last meeting including Barry Gaw's ideas for the beach, the use of Trello as a communication tool, the status of the Heath Building at the mill, the status of the old state liquor store, the Kiosks, and town parking.

Mardean will take pictures of the kiosks and inventory the materials that are there.

Library

Mardean reviewed the issues with moving the library to the Tri-County CAP Building, the Catholic Church, and the liquor store. The Tri-County CAP is ideal in terms of price, location, and parking.

Facebook

Anthony has started a Facebook page and an Instagram page. He is waiting for the committee to determine how the pages should be used. Anthony has called the page "Visit Ashland NH." Anthony will post information about the page on Trello. The committee needs to inform the Select Board about the page and complete the paperwork, which is available on the town website.

Meeting with the Select Board

The committee is preparing for a meeting with the Select Board. The meeting will include Barry Gaw's ideas for the beach and the facebook page.

TAP Grant

Levi reviewed the TAP grant, and Mardean discussed the plans for the new Main Street sidewalk.

Charette

Levi reviewed the idea of having another Charrette. The beach, the mill area, a heritage Trail are some of the ideas that the Charrette might look at. Levi said that he would hold a conference call with people from the Charrette.

Ideas for Events

The committee discussed ideas for events and entertainment that could help draw people to town. Levi introduced the idea of establishing a small welcome center.

Resource for Businesses

The committee discussed being a resource for businesses wanting to locate in Ashland. Mardean mentioned that we now have a part-time Land Use Assistant that can help guide people through the process. Levi also mentioned keeping a current list of available properties. Mardean discussed making changes to the town website to make it more business friendly.

Vendor Permit

Anthony asked about regulations concerning food trucks. Mardean said that there is a town vendor permit, but there are no regulations specifically for food trucks.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at Mill No. 3 on April 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Toth