

TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

June 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:32. In attendance were Jack Wesa, Janet Cool, Tracey Hanson, Pam Delaney, Mary Papenfoth, Kate Allingham and Jen Panko.

Guests: Vinnie Cofone, Market Master

The agenda was moved to discuss the Farmers' Market. Mr. Wesa was in contact with Minuteman Press regarding rack cards. 2,500 cards will be going out to Voluntown and Griswold the last Monday of June. A twenty-foot storage trailer will be in the parking lot for three months; a sign could be hung on it. A sign will be hung on the fence and smaller signs will be put up. There was discussion about changing the signs.

Musicians were discussed. Ms. Delaney is getting many responses and will create a directory. Mr. Cofone asked about rainy days; it will be rain or shine but musicians won't be there.

Mr. Wesa wants everyone to look at the spreadsheet for scheduling times of availability. There will be a call for volunteers to help set up and break down. The Historical Society will have someone there every week.

There was discussion about soliciting more vendors by going to other markets.

Mr. Wesa will order a porta john.

Mr. Wesa went to the Black Dog Market. It is very dusty and no shade. There were twelve vendors.

Ms. Delaney suggested teaching demonstrations. Collecting canned goods was discussed. Information needs to be put to let people know about the collection.

Mr. Wesa talked to the radio station; they are set to go.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 21, 2015 — A MOTION was made (Cool, Hanson) to approve the minutes as presented; ALL IN FAVOR.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Available for Commissioners' perusal:

—an email about the Historical Society meeting; they would like to initiate a program to have historical sites marked out on a map;

—Ms. Delaney is working with the New England Spiritual and Historical Team who are interested in being part of the Historical Society and working on sites and monuments;

—information on Pints for Preservation;

—Main Street Award Gala;

—an email from someone looking for 1843 map on the website;

—several emails from a few potential vendors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Directory: Ms. Allingham said some should be ready for the Farmers' Market.

Ms. Allingham left at 7:44.

Eastern Connecticut Tourism: Ms. Hanson and LaDonnah Cardin did hikes; Mount Misery had thirty people. Green Falls had someone from the Connecticut Forest and Parks who was helpful. Handicapped accessible trails are needed.

Ms. Delaney found several tracts of land owned by Benedict Arnold. She is also interested in getting information of the Native American

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American presence and urban legends.

Website/Facebook: No report

New Methodist Meeting House: No report

BUDGET: The EDC was approved as part of the town budget.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Delaney suggested doing a gingerbread house contest at the school or another site. She was advised that the Recreation Commission should be contacted.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING: The Commission will not meet in July or August. The next regular meeting will be September 17, 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

A MOTION was made (Hanson, Cool) to adjourn the meeting at 8:34; ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana M Ingraham, Clerk

Approved for Distribution:

Date _____
