

TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
January 16, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:04.

IN ATTENDANCE: T. Hanson, J. Wesa, M. Simmons

GUESTS: – None

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A MOTION (Wesa, Hanson) to approve the minutes of December 15, 2022, with one correction. ALL IN FAVOR.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Available for Commissioners' perusal:

--Reminder of budget proposal due in March.

--A letter from The Last Green Valley asking about annual dues. Julie looked into it and found they hadn't been paid yet. A MOTION was made (Wesa, Hanson) to submit \$100 to The Last Green Valley, ALL IN FAVOR.

--A request from The Last Green Valley to submit by February 5 any future events happening in town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Farmers Market – Ms. Hanson said the applications for vendors should be updated. Emails will be sent to vendors. Mr. Wesa had a summary of the vendors survey. Suggestions were discussed.

Discussion began about revising the dog policy. "All dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times" was agreed upon. New signs will be needed. It will be investigated further. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

EDC Website/Voluntown.Biz – Nothing to report.

Business Development/P&Z – Planning and Zoning will have a public hearing on March 8, 2023, for Revised Text Amendment Proposal, Section 8.16 Supplementary Regulations: Cannabis Establishments. Approval of the state is needed. Additional permits will be needed.

A mountain bike trail starting at Hell Hollow Road in Voluntown and ending at Buttonwoods in Griswold is still in progress.

Ms. Hanson is working with other area selectmen to have a public meeting to go over USDA grants and other items of mutual interest. She is also working on grants for additional sidewalks.

Eastern Connecticut Tourism – Heated discussion on one name. Mystic Country was removed.

Trails Map – The printer has reported that the map can go back to the larger size. Mr. Wesa questioned the number of maps ordered. Are 5,000 too many?

Historical Update – Nothing to report.

Budget – There was discussion on the Farmers Market budget. The EDC budget will be worked on at the February meeting.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING: February 16, 2023

--2023/2024 Budget

--Farmers Market Vendors

--Farmers Market dog policy

A MOTION was made (Wesa, Simmons) to adjourn at 9:08, ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted, Diana M. Ingraham, Clerk

Approved for distribution

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