

## Bristol Economic Development Committee

January 25, 2017

### Meeting Minutes

Present: Vincent Migliore, Nik Coates, Rick Alpers, Les Dion

Review of November 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes: Vincent Migliore moved to accept the 11/22/16 meeting minutes as presented. Rick Alpers seconded and the motion passed 3-0-0.

Mission Statement: Rick and Vincent submitted proposed changes to the mission statement. After some discussion Vincent Migliore moved to accept the following mission statement.

***“Bristol NH Economic Development Committee’s mission is to aggressively promote the Newfound region where taxes are few and fair, education is competitive and demographics are broad. With Bristol as the focus and epicentric location with Nature’s gem known as Newfound Lake where entrepreneurs, their families, friends and enterprises frequent year round for recreational events, transact specific business or to establish themselves, grow or simply flourish in all the splendor that is this way of life we call “New England.”***

**Rick Alpers seconded and the motion passed 3-0-0.**

By-laws: The Bylaws were reviewed. Under Administration - #8 – a(3) we corrected the draft to say Recording Secretary instead of Vice-Chair. Les Dion moved to reapprove the By-laws as amended. Rick Alpers seconded and the motion passed 3-0-0.

Member Recruitment: Vincent has a potential member for the committee. He has spoken with Carolyn Schulman of Granite Group and she is interested. Rick suggested that Greg Wagner might also be willing to join us. It was agreed that both would be great additions. Vincent will speak to Carolyn regarding the date of our next meeting.

Bristol Falls Park: Nik reports that our grant app was approved at the State level and they are putting it forth to the National Park Service as part of the NH package. This is very exciting news. We will have a warrant article on this ready for town meeting.

Cell/Microcell/Fiber/Emergency Communications: Rick reports that Bill Dowey has made contact with someone at Verizon regarding the safety hazard created by our poor coverage. Bristol has been in the swath between cell providers where they make money on us with roaming fees. Verizon has agreed to come and meet with Nik and it looks like they may work with us to resolve this issue. Nik has also been in contact with a person that has contacts with a company that deploys the boosters. With boosters we wouldn’t need a tower and we could potentially draw revenue. Rick said the Select Board has also put a \$5,000 warrant article in to map where the microcells would be most effective.

Nik reports that he worked with a local person to test a system that works indoors but is not designed for outdoors. It worked great in the Fire Department, Highway Department, Town office but they could

not get an accurate test result in Kelley Park. As we don't know if they would work outside and the cost is \$2,000 each we do not want to move forward with this one. To get the type that are designed for outside it would cost more like \$40,000 each. Metrocast is still adding hot spots as well.

Hotel: Nik reports that he has a friend that works with global firms. His friend has children that are involved in competitive swimming and there are no Olympic size pools in this area. His friend said that if there was a hotel with a pool that size that it would be full every weekend as so many people are looking for this. Nik also spoke with Paul Manganiello about potential investors for a hotel project. Ragged has some potential. Paul told him about a company that makes nitrogen infused (cold brew) coffee. It is Nobl coffee and they use the product at Basic Ingredients and have a hard time keeping it in stock. Nik is going to follow up on this.

Microbrewing: Nik said that in speaking with the Water & Sewer Department he has found that we have plenty of capacity for microbreweries if we want to open one. He has been speaking with Lakes Region Community College to see if we might even consider holding the classes for microbrewing here if we were to open one. Jon Shackett is actually one of their instructors.

Chamber Booth: Nik reports that the Central NH Chamber has agreed to give us the Information Booth at the foot of the lake. All they ask is that we still stock their brochures.

Next Steps: Nik suggests we meet with Jeff Sewaki and identify the 10 businesses that we would most like to see in town.

FNOK: Nik updated the group on a meeting that was held at FNOK with Stacy Buckley, HS Guidance and the Tech Ed teacher. They are now going to work with the school to look at student collaboration. FNOK said their biggest challenges are finding CNC operators. They think it might work to set up a shop to do training on these. They will be doing student tours and internships. Nik reports that the group will be going back to meet with Human Resources, LRCC and Stacy to discuss kids learning the trades and get credentialed prior to going to LRCC. FNOK might then pay for their tuitions.

Vincent said this adds so much value but the difficulty is promoting this type of activity to make people aware of what we are doing. This is something we should make the realtors aware of.

Rick asked Vincent to give kudos to Stacy Buckley for her willingness to step up and work with the town on this initiative. We also discussed the new Mexican restaurant coming to town and that it would be helpful for us to know their reasons for choosing here to bring their business.

Next Meeting: February 8th at 6 pm at the Water & Sewer meeting room.

Vincent Migliore moved to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Rick Alpers seconded and the motion passed 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Leslie Dion