

Bristol Economic Development Committee

April 18, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Present: Bill Dowey, Bruce Dorner, Vincent Paul Migliore, Janet Cavanagh, Les Dion, Carolyn Schulman (arrived 6:13 pm), Paul Bemis (arrived at 6:32 pm).

Others Present: Nik Coates, Ed Mandelbaum

Approval of Minutes:

Bruce Dorner motioned to approve the minutes of March 21, 2018, seconded by Les Dion. The vote was **5 in Favor – 0 Opposed.**

Bruce Dorner motioned to amend Les Dion's motion to approve the notes of the Informational Session of April 12, 2018, seconded by Vincent Paul Migliore. The vote was **5 in Favor – 0 Opposed.**

2018 Zoning Requests Timeline:

Nik Coates suggested that the board work together again for potential new zoning amendments. It will give you two meetings for discussion in May and define them in June then submit the committee's ideas to the Planning Board in July. The town does not have building permits which are tied to the state. We have what is called Land Use permits. This is all because of the way voters have voted in the past. The Zoning ordinances are on the town website.

Mill Stream Park:

Nik Coates mentioned that Liz Kelly will be coming to the meeting tomorrow night with the status of the signage. Liz does not want to move too fast.

Bill Dowey asked who would be funding the three boards. Nik Coates said he is not sure.

Les Dion stated that we need to move the information booth over to the park maybe we could speak with JP Morrison or the highway guys to see how we can move it. I will find out some information and bring it to the next meeting. She also said that the Rotary is looking to find a project in the community to fund we could present this to them.

Dartmouth and PSU Student Teams:

Bill Dowey said some of our ideas and projects could be farmed out to the colleges over the next few years. Maybe one of the student bodies could take the Recreation Map.

Nik Coates said that Liz Kelly will talk to D Acres first before we have anyone else look at it. Dartmouth may not be a good option for this. But PSU may be however they are not ready yet. These kids are pretty sharp.

Ed Mandelbaum said by the fall semester they should be ready to take on something from Bristol.

Bill Dowey said he feels this will not be ready this summer unless D Acres takes it.

Carolyn Shulman presented her project to the committee on why an international company would want to come to Bristol. They will look it over and it can be refined if necessary.

2018 Project Prioritization and Project Teams:

Bill Dowey said the committee needs to zero in on this with a more focused effort. The goal is to identify what we want to do. We can divide ourselves up into three groups of three people which would be reasonable for sub committees. We can have: Marketing, Workforce and Infrastructure groups.

Bruce Dorner feels that we need to pick three or four things that are top priority for this calendar year so that we can complete. He feels we have too much in front of us. The cell project would be a number one priority for Bristol. He feels Route 3A is also a top priority.

Nik Coates mentioned a few of his ideas:

Cell/Broadband	Marketing
Visioning	Land Use
Trails	Workforce Development

Nik said that Land use Regulations would be for the staff so there would be 5 projects for eight people. He will be involved with all of them.

Carolyn Shulman feels we need to do visioning first and the marketing.

Janet Cavanagh said people in business have said they don't want cell service because they don't want change.

Vincent Paul Migliore said that he feels that it is a number one priority of the majority of businesses.

9th Member Nomination:

Bill Dowey said the committee needs to appoint another member. We have Nancy Speer and Heidi Milbrand. If the committee appoints Nancy Speer we would need to go to Heidi Milbrand and have her show interest on a subcommittee and be at our meetings then we can see where she will fit in.

Vincent Paul Migliore said we can bring both in and he could still be involved but not have a vote. This would be a better fit right now to have both players involved.

Bill Dowey motioned to appoint Nancy Speer as the ninth member to the committee seconded by Bruce Dorner the vote was **7 in Favor – 0 Opposed.**

Nik Coates said he thinks the Selectmen will be able to look at the committee's appointment tomorrow night. He would like the committee to let him know when the sub committees will meet every month and he will start posting the meetings to the website. You can meet at the old town hall for six months and figure out where the meetings will be after that.

EDC Member Updates:

Bill Dowey said he had an update saying he met with the Northern Borders people last Friday. If we want the grant we will need to commit to owning the fiber. He also spoke to the USDA folk if costs escalate we could use the USDA grant however it is only for residential connection not municipal or businesses. There is a list of potential companies to work with and no need to commit. We would need to put out an RFP with five companies to have them bid. We are still moving forward which will be an economic driver for Bristol.

Nik Coates also mentioned the solar programs meeting tomorrow that the USDA may be able to fund some of that. Paul can attend that.

Bruce Dorner said that this meeting would impact some of our ideas it would be an eye opener for us. He feels that we need to develop the 3A corridor so it is not a visual impact of a depressed area.

Ed Mandelbaum noticed that when he moved to town the area from the light to the lake needs to be spruced up for people to want to bring businesses here to town.

Les Dion thinks the town should look to take the Basketball Court area at Kelley Park back because it definitely needs to be spruced up.

Public Comment:

None

Les Dion asked for a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carolyn Schulman the vote was **7 in Favor – 0 Opposed** the meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen Vogan