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Economic Development Committee

May 18th, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Chair Bill Dowey, Vice Chair Bruce Dorner, Paul Bemis, Nancy Spears, Carolyn Shulman, Hector Hsu and Les Dion, Select Board Rep

Call to Order:

Mr. Dowey called the meeting to order at 6:43pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve April Minutes by Mr. Dorner, second by Ms. Spears. Motion passed, 7-0-0.

Old Business/ New Business:

Mr. Dowey stated that he and Mr. Dorner attended the All-Committees meeting. Mr. Dowey stated that it was a necessary meeting to bring all committees into joint agreement. Meetings are in hopes to continue, meeting on a quarterly basis along with having a Select Board Representative present. Next meeting will be to discuss more opportunities in Bristol, including the EV Charging Stations and working with the Planning Board for Master Plan updates.

Mr. Dowey also discussed affordable housing as there is \$40 million dollars in grants available. Mr. Dorner stated that the kind of housing and what and where Bristol residents will accept is a question that needs to be answered first before attacking affordable housing. Voter input will be needed. Mrs. Shulman also stated that the price of building or hardware has gotten very expensive.

Mr. Dowey stated he would take on the DOT upgrades as his project as he has been fully invested and involved in the process. Discussion at next meeting for each member to pick a project. Ms. Dion stated that discussing projects with the Select Board to align interests continuously would also be beneficial.

The Committee also discussed that it would be beneficial for the town to host a Seasonal Summer Town Meeting, possibly in 2023. This would inform seasonal residents that have financial input of Town Meetings and outcomes along with projects and town happenings.

Staff Comments

Ms. Spears informed the committee that she spoke with Twin Designs. Diane the Turtle Day will take place on August 15th; Diane will be 61 ½ years old that day.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:46pm by Mr. Dorner, second by Ms. Spears. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Wharton