

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM COMMISSION  
MINUTES of MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015  
MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

**PRESENT:** Bill Ackerman  
Bernie Krasnoff  
Gerrie Russell  
Rob Megnin

**ALSO PRESENT:** Seth Webb                      Town Manager  
Amy Morrison                      Director KPAA  
Cameron Rivers

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** None

**AGENDA:** Call to Order  
Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6/15 and 7/20  
Citizen Input  
Resort Report  
KPAA Report inc. Annual Meeting and Summer Event Recap  
KAS Meeting with AARP on Livable Communities  
2017 Budget Planning  
VCRD Report & Community Meeting January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Commissioner's Concerns  
Date for Next Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm.

On a motion by Bernie Krasnoff and seconded by Rob Megnin the minutes of 6/15 and 7/20 were approved.

**RESORT REPORT:**

Revenues are 33% over last year at this time even though participation is a little off. \$300,000 has been invested into Mountain Biking including adding bikes for kids. Mountain Biking, The Adventure Center and Cooler in the Mountains added to the general attitude that there is now something to do in the summer. A permanent venue for Cooler in the Mountains would be nice and a discussion included several ideas such as fewer weeks/bigger acts, more weeks/same caliber acts. Is it time to move into ticketed events? Has Cooler in the Mountains grown as much as it can? The Peak Dinners have been well attended with positive feedback about the food and the experience.

**KPAA:**

The annual meeting is the 29<sup>th</sup> of September at the Peak Lodge. The EDTC members are invited. At this meeting the bylaws will be updated, the annual report presented and new Directors elected. The resort will review the 2015 season and preview the 2016 season. There is a push for new membership especially in the Rutland and Woodstock areas. New events were added this year and all were generally well attended.

## **KAS Meeting with AARP:**

Livable Communities, Village to Village and Complete Streets were a few of the concepts presented to the Killington Active Seniors during their weekly luncheon at the Lookout. Kelly Stoddard-Poor, Associate Director of Outreach with AARP Vermont gave an overview of livable communities stating they were good for people and good for business. A high percentage of people want to “age in place” meaning they want to stay in their homes and stay in their current community. There are multiple benefits for making communities more livable and age friendly. Village to Village is a proven support system providing services that are needed and is gaining interest across the country. Complete Streets accommodate all users including drivers, passengers, cyclists and walkers. The Killington Planning Commission recently added Complete Streets principals to the town plan and are working on a town wide policy they will recommend to the Selectboard. A livability index can be found at [www.livability.index.aarp.org](http://www.livability.index.aarp.org) and Killington scored a 48 out of 100 so there is work to be done. Because several town officials attended the luncheon, it is hoped a dialog can begin to lead Killington into the future.

## **2017 Budget Planning:**

The goal is to continue the growth of the last 9 years and to add amenities and events. Mountain Biking will be given great emphasis. Events such as The Killington Classic are due for revision. The Wine Fest, the Holiday Fest, Stage Race and Biggest Loser events can all be improved. The October Fest is a new event and there will be more biking events added.

## **VCRD REPORT and COMMUNITY MEETING:**

This is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Paul Costello has committed to attend. Because of time constraints, the commission will take the report home, read and be prepared with comments at the next meeting.

## **COMMISSIONER'S CONCERNS:**

Bernie Krasnoff asked about the possibility of the Dartmouth Coach Bus Line adding a route from Boston to Killington, picking up from both South Station and Logan Airport. Adding a direct bus route from the New York Airports and Central Station would also be a good idea. The cost of providing such service might be prohibitive so engaging Gramps service might be more feasible. It was agreed that the idea was worth pursuing.

The next meeting of the EDTC is scheduled for Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Gerrie Russell