

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM COMMISSION
MINUTES of MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 2016
MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

PRESENT: Bill Ackerman
Gerrie Russell
Bernie Krasnoff
Nancy Koch

ALSO PRESENT: Dick Horner Interim Town Manager
Amy Morrison Director KPAA
Events & Marketing Coordinator

AGENDA: Call to Order
Approval of Meeting Minutes
Citizen Input
Resort Report
KPAA Report
Killington 2020 Meeting Review & Next Steps
Commissioner's Concerns
Date for next Meeting
Adjourn

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

On a motion by Bernie and seconded by Nancy, the minutes were approved as written.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

RESORT REPORT: None

KPAA REPORT: Amy Morrison

Private fund raising has been successful in obtaining the \$30,000 needed to build a covered bridge near Casey's Caboose on Killington Road (across from the firehouse). The supplies have been ordered and Roaring Brook Construction hopes to complete the project by Memorial Day. The Moran Family Foundation has made another substantial donation for more beautification projects to be completed. Small pocket parks in strategic locations is one suggestion. The planning commission is also discussing beautification projects under the Complete Streets campaign.

KILLINGTON 2020 MEETING REVIEW & NEXT STEPS:

There were about 80 town residents who came to share their opinions. The general attitude was positive and the voting prioritized what the attendees thought were the most important projects to pursue. The new firehouse, new recreation complex including a new pool, mountain bike trails, affordable housing and the gateway project garnered the most votes. Affordable housing seems to be the most elusive topic. Dick Horner pointed out that before any construction begins, the cost of septic systems, wells and required lot size must be dealt with. Since Woodstock has managed to add some

affordable housing, a motion was made by Bernie and seconded by Bill, to invite the developers to our next meeting to understand the process. Amy will contact Woodstock and invite the appropriate people.

A new firehouse has been recommended by the citizens committee formed to investigate the need and the selectboard is in the process of finding land. The proper location is proving to be difficult because of cost.

A new pool will require a lot of site work because of the high water table. Much of this work can be done in house. However, this project will need to be placed on the ballot for a town wide vote and financing decided on.

The mountain bike trails are in the capital plan and we are also applying for grants. We can put these projects out for bids, ask for volunteers and local business owners for help. KMBC is holding another fundraiser in March called the Rolling Fatties Ride. It will start and finish at Sushi Yoshi.

Bill Ackerman mentioned the USDA has low interest loans for communities and thought it might be worth exploring.

COMMISSIONER'S CONCERNS:

There is some concern regarding the pending lawsuit that M.B. Neisner has brought against the town of Killington.

A letter to the editor of the Mountain Times regarding the EDTC hiring another full time employee was discussed and rightfully disputed. The present full time summer and part time winter employee will become full time with benefits. This change will enable us to keep quality employees.

The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 14th, at 3:30 PM at the Municipal Offices.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Gerrie Russell