

Randolph Economic Development Council

Minutes of the April 6, 2017 Meeting

Attending: Michael Tragner, Winston Sadoo, Marjorie Ryerson, Ken Cadow (both left at 6:20) and Jay Hooper. CJ Stumpf & Eva Loomis (the latter a subcommittee member) were absent. Ross Evan was in attendance as was Peter Reed.

The meeting was called to order at 5:18 PM in Conference Room A of the Town Hall.

Randolph Job Fair Sponsorship

Julie Iffland (RACDC) and Linda Anderson (Capstone) attended the meeting to explain a planned Job Fair they are hosting in Randolph at VTC in May. They requested if the EDC would be a financial co-sponsor of the event. The nearest Job Fair is in Barre. Upon consideration, the EDC decided not to sponsor this event as they felt the May date did not allow enough planning time by the event's planners, given it appeared limited planning had happened to date. Also, the EDC felt they did not have enough time to consider the proposal. The council agreed that sponsorship next year could be an option.

Exit 4 Project

- Tom Frawley, owner of The Barn, offered a written detailed proposal to replace the outside information structures with a digital screen inside the store. This revised proposal offers a better in-store location and larger, interactive TV screen.
- The Barn offered to pay all cost
- The council was supportive of this latest proposal subject to; verification that the Chamber and Town approve. Also needed would be a written letter from the State's Agency of Transportation stating that they no longer have an interest in this site (other than its possible location within the road RoW). Such a letter may be on file with the town.
- The group discussed the need for a formal written agreement of the proposal terms which must include the Town's rights to the outside footprint in the future.
- MAT to ask Paul Rea to confirm with Chamber
- The Council agreed to prepare a first draft of the proposed agreement for consideration by The Barn and Town.

Chelsea Green Publishing Opportunity Update

Marjorie provided an update that included;

- The owner of Chelsea Green Publishing expressed limited desire to continue her efforts in acquisition and related structural upgrade due diligence.
- Marjorie will keep in touch with Margo.

Business Outreach

- The Council discussed their latest business outreach efforts which focused on a related effort lead by RACDC.
- Previous outreach to VtSBDC was reported (related to the above mentioned project) and it was determined VtSBDC was not a suitable resource.

New Project Discussion

- The Council briefly discussed plans to identify new projects however time was limited and it was agreed to focus on this item at the next meeting.
- Briefly, a few items were mentioned which included re-launching the former mountain bike event (Paul Rea indicated an interest in working on this) and continuation of quarterly business outreach.

As no other business was pending before the group, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Michael Tragner