



TOWN OF RANDOLPH, VERMONT

Economic Development Council

Meeting Minutes August 5, 2019 5:30 pm

Members present: Peter Reed, Tom Ayers, Winston Sadoo, Ken Cadow

Guests: Julie Iffland, Mary Richter, Dan Bennett, Zac Freeman, Linda Runnion, Damian DiNicola, Joshua Jerome, Bob Haynes, John Farrow

Topics discussed:

1. Restructuring of EDC

Peter has discussed with Adolfo and will plan on presenting to the Select Board shortly.

2. Hotel

John Farrow reported that the process is moving forward, total investment estimated at \$4 million. A grant from the Vermont Communities Foundation is being considered given the community need for lodging, with a decision expected in September. Discussions ongoing with Stagecoach regarding scheduled service to the hotel once completed. The Amtrak connection will also be pursued.

3. Northern Borders Grant

Joshua reviewed the grant award from Northern Borders of \$425k to improve town infrastructure, which is a welcome new source of funding.

4. Social media and website presence

We discussed the next steps for an improved media presence and possible website. Lots of work still to be done in this area. We also discussed improved marketing strategy for the town, recreation opportunities, etc.

5. New Arts Council

Tom Ayres, Sonny Holt, and Susannah Colby are putting together a new town committee focused on the arts. They already have several projects in mind, including murals and a sculpture trail. Formal presentation to the Select Board pending.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Reed, Chair