

Hillsborough EDC Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2015- Approved 5/28/15

Present: Chairman: Steve Venezia, Herm Wiegelman, Alan Urquhart, Jack Wells, Doug Hatfield, Russ Galpin, Laura Buono, Jane Williams, Bob Hassett, Robyn Payson.

Excused: Laurel Boivin

Guests: Mike Tardiff, Mike McNally, and Paul Casaletto, Valley Bible Church.

Meeting called to order at 8:58am by Chairman Steve Venezia

Motion to accept minutes if March 26th 2015-Doug Hatfield, 2nd Alan Urquhart – accepted by all with the exception of Laura Buono abstaining.

Mike and Mike – brought us up to speed with the new parking signage placement. They explained colors required and all seemed the like the Blue choice over the green and Mike McNally would research the color choices. He also brought up the need of crosswalk signage and height requirements as well. Their next step is to prepare for the spring parking study as a comparison to the one done Christmas week 2014. It was pointed out that the existing signs are 10-20 years old and most are either placed wrong, not reflective or obscured. A discussion about time limits and enforcement. Laura will meet with the chief of Police to discuss. Doug Hatfield offered his lot on School Street after 5 Pm with a 2 hour limit to the town, but signage is needed. Mike Tardiff would like to investigate Depot St again. It is congested and dangerous and would like to make suggestions to improve overall flow. Jane asked about the vacant lot availability on Myrtle and Central St.

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding – Mike Tardiff to get verbiage to Robyn. Paul Casaletto, from Bible Valley Church offered to work with the town to come to an understanding that will be mutually agreeable. We discussed Town Liability, Scheduling conflicts, and Robyn pointed out that Parking is a code and enforcement is needed. Rumford Building has rights to park. Discussed how to control – stickers or dashboard permits and proper signage. Smith Church also could be an option could approach and offer to paint lines to increase and optimize spaces.

Roundtable:

Alan Urquhart brought up that we were invited to a former PSNH building tour that is would be a useful town building – all felt the price tag was cost prohibited. He also pointed out that the Armory is being relocated to Concord. He mention a great use would be a community center - Bob Hassett pointed out that it abuts the golf course and would make a perfect location for elderly condos.

Steve brought up a request to fund a booth for 240.00 for Hillsborough Travel and Tourism state convention. Herm made a motion to sponsor and 2nd by Doug Hatfield all accepted by all with the exception of Jane Williams opposing. The rack cards were approved unanimously.

Robyn brought up Weather Stone Project got approval. Circulated 3 choices in logos. We vote on top two choices. And the Slogan “Small town Big Future” coined by Hillsborough Pride was liked by all.

Bob Hasset – Proud to announce 12 more Student are now in the National Honor Society. He had the honor of being the MC of the elementary variety show – a good time by all attended. Hill Cat Theater announces Beauty and the Beast this summer.

Jane – asked about visioning the downtown and how nice it would be to convert the building on the west side of 149 and West Main to a Gallery space and get all the restaurants to join in with a paging system discs so there is something to do while you wait for a table on Friday and Saturday nights. Ask stores to remain open and possible vendor craft carts in Butler park. She also mentioned cleaning snow and making parking more accessible without walking in the road. All agreed given the fact it was such a bad winter the town did a great job dealing with white stuff!

Respectfully Submitted

Jane Williams