

CASTLETON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Castleton Town Office
and ZOOM

Meeting Recording:

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Those in attendance included: Mary McIntyre, Richard Combs, Beth Murphy, Petrina teRiele, Zack Holzworth, Martha Clifford, Committee Members

Others present by Zoom included: Allison Harvey, Recording Secretary

M. McIntyre called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

For the record, M. McIntyre requested those committee members present state their names for attendance purposes.

Approval of Agenda

R. Combs made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Z. Holzworth seconded. M. McIntyre stated T. Molnar had requested an item be added for the Bridge Initiative to address the benches being proposed. **R. Combs made a motion to amend the agenda by adding the Bridge Initiative as the second item. Z. Holzworth seconded. All voted in favor of the amended agenda. So voted.**

Accept Nominations and Vote for 2022/2023 Chairperson and Co-Chairperson

Brief discussion on the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee. **Z. Holzworth made a motion to nominate M. McIntyre as the Chair of the CDERAC. B. Murphy seconded. No further nominations were made. All voted in favor. So voted.** **M. Clifford made a motion to nominate P. teRiele as Vice Chairman of the CDERAC. B. Murphy seconded. No further nominations were made. All voted in favor. So voted.**

Bylaws Updates – Petrina teRiele/Mary McIntyre

M. McIntyre asked committee members to review the bylaws as presented and keep them handy for reference. Brief discussion on voting and non-voting members, and whether the Chair ordinarily breaks any tie votes.

Bridge Initiative – Ted Molnar

M. McIntyre stated at the last meeting, Ted Molnar had indicated that Martha Molnar asked it be noted that there was progress on the river walk, and the spots were ready for two benches to view the river. They have someone to build the benches, however they are looking for someone to fund the bench expense. M.

Combs had indicated to M. McIntyre that they should be mindful of what category the expense comes out of, if they decide to fund the benches. Discussion on what area of the budget they should be funded from. **R. Combs made a motion to authorize purchasing and paying for the materials for the benches for the river walk from other purchased services of the budget. Z. Holzworth seconded. All were in favor. So voted.**

Selectboard Updates – Dick Combs

R. Combs stated the two town boards of Castleton and Hubbardton have met about the CVS building. The joint boards voted to sell the building, and since that vote, the Town is doing another appraisal to determine the value of the building. They have received a proposal to lease the building for one year from Tearsa Brannock, the boards made a counterproposal to that lease, but they have not gotten a response to their counterproposal. M. McIntyre asked if the boards could lease the building, even though the boards have told the Towns that they were going to sell the building.

R. Combs stated the storm water scoping study for storm water is also going on. There are some older ones that need to be addressed. Z. Holzworth asked whether any ARPA monies would be used for this.

R. Combs stated they are trying to not use those funds for things they can get grants for. Also briefly explained the salt shed, employee incentives and covid relief.

R. Combs stated the downtown sidewalk/pedestrian path project for this coming year has not been engineered yet, working on for next spring. Discussion on where the project will cover. Parson's Hill project will be next year, going from Parson's Hill to the Four Corners.

Recreation Board Update -Martha Clifford

M. Clifford stated sailing camps went well. Big thanks to Nancy LaFrancis, the rec liaison to the camp, Joe Mark and his volunteers. Summer adventure camp had a good turnout. Weeks 1 and 6 were not full, the middle weeks were full. Discussion on the budget of the camps, how payments are made, whether it broke even.

M Clifford stated they are back to square one for the rec director, they had 6 applicants; all pulled out in the end. The salary appears to be the problem.

M. Clifford stated fall soccer is coming together. She and Nancy LaFrancis will be running the program. The participants will be playing in the Rutland league as they did last year. Still need coaches, they are reaching out to the College to see if any PE students would be interested.

M. Clifford stated the beach hours will be adjusted, there has not been many people coming, and is too expensive to pay someone to be there and no one comes. Also short staffed at this time, but will do what they can.

Planning Commission – Joe Bruno

J. Bruno was not present and has indicated he would no longer be the representative. It was suggested that maybe Liz MacKay would be interested. Until someone is appointed, M. McIntyre asked if anyone would review their minutes for update purposes, P. teRiele said she would.

Video Update – Christina Ryan

M. McIntyre stated the video is out, it is on the Facebook page and the Town's page. Discussion on the content of the video, whether there can be more input from town officials and town's people as to what should be included and whether it is too long. M. McIntyre mentioned the map, and suggested it be redistributed around town to the businesses that are on the map.

Welcome Wagon– Mary McIntyre

M. McIntyre stated this is not completely up and running. Have people willing to donate, but they are making their own coupons, and it has been a challenge to get them together from the contributors. Discussion on what is and could be included in the bag and how they would be distributed.

Broadband Update – Tim Munks

M. McIntyre stated T. Munks presented an update to the Selectboard on the 8th of August. Her takeaway was the funds are becoming available and the committee he is working with are moving for quotes and what they include.

Recreation Property Exploration – Zack Holzworth

Z. Holzworth stated the engineers are still working on a site plan drawing for the proposal. M. Jones was expecting something, but nothing received yet on the Park and Ride site. Need more information for the Rehlen proposal for much more discussion to be had. Brief discussion on some ideas that had been discussed with the Rehlen's, but nothing definitive.

Advisory Discussion

M. McIntyre stated they should discuss the mission statement of the committee, and if all agree with what is already on the website, they will put it in with the bylaws. Discussion on whether it would even be necessary or if the bylaws addressed it. M. McIntyre also asked if there are any other ideas for projects, they have the welcome wagon, maps, dog park and video that are all still in progress. There is a historic house on the college property that is being developed into a type of museum, and they may be looking for support from CDERAC. Discussion on the survey that had been done a few years ago, when CDERAC first originated. It was said the town was not welcoming and nothing to do. Discussion on the car show possibly being moved to Castleton and food trucks or Bar-B-Q competition. Discussion on Castleton Day and Holiday Market, whether they are still being held and what CDERAC could do to contribute. Also mentioned was Castleton Corners and a Town business website.

8:14 pm Adjourn

P. teRiele made a motion to adjourn, R. Combs seconded. All voted in favor. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted

Allison Harvey, Recording Secretary