

**CASTLETON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, October 20, 2022

**Castleton Town Office
and ZOOM**

Meeting Recording:

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Those in attendance included: Mary McIntyre, Martha Clifford, Beth Murphy, Petrina teRiele, Ted Molnar, Robert Spaulding

Others present by Zoom included: Zack Holzworth, Allison Harvey, Recording Secretary

M. McIntyre called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

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

Approval of Agenda

T. Molnar made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Z. Holzworth seconded. All voted in favor. So voted.

Approve Minutes 9/15/22

Z. Holzworth made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 0222 as presented. M. Clifford seconded.

Page 1 – P. teRiele to be added to Zoom attendance

Page 2 – second paragraph, fifth line, *responded with* should be changed to *said*. Same paragraph, eighth line, the second *that* should be changed to *and*. Same paragraph, ninth line, the entire sentence beginning with M. McIntyre should be replaced with: *M. McIntyre further stated that she felt R. Combs efforts undermined this group. She mentioned that a recent Selectmen meeting that was supposed to be Executive Session, which ended up being open for discussion; however, no one was there to discuss the CVS building.*

Page 2 – third paragraph, sixth line, *a* should be inserted between such project

Page 2 – last line should read: *necessity and the Bridge Committee wondered about a hotel...*

Page 3 – last line of Recreation Board Report, *created* should be changed to *repaired*

All were in favor. So voted.

Discuss Economic Development Strategy

M. McIntyre stated at the last meeting they discussed the fact they needed to contact businesses and should have Devon Neary from RRPC and Tyler Richardson as the representative of the Chamber and Economic Development of Rutland Region attend a future meeting. M. McIntyre contacted Devon Neary, who

suggested he and Tyler should come to the meeting as a pair as they can work off one another. M. McIntyre stated she has arranged for both to come to a meeting on November 3 in Castleton. In the meantime, everyone should work on questions for businesses to answer, what businesses needed to be contacted about the meeting and how to contact them. Some movement has been made on that. M. McIntyre has contacted several businesses already, as has T. Molnar. Discussion on the date of November 3 and scheduling meeting space. P. teRiele asked what they are telling people the focus is of the meeting. T. Molnar stated he has been telling them they have two people coming to assist with ideas and the focus is how they can improve the business climate in town. M. McIntyre stated she has made it clear to Devon Neary that businesses are going to talk first to state what they feel they need. Further discussion on the meeting format and advertising of the meeting and what other businesses should be included as well as the ideas and discussions that could or should be had at the meeting, the agenda and how to conduct the meeting. **T. Molnar made a motion to move on to next agenda item. B. Murphy seconded. All voted in favor. so voted.**

Selectboard Update – Richard Combs

M. McIntyre reviewed an email from R. Combs. It was stated there has been an offer received on the CVS building, both the Castleton and Hubbardton town boards will be meeting soon to discuss the offer.

Recreation Board Update -Martha Clifford

M. Clifford stated the beach is shut down and closed up until next spring. The Recreation Dept will be running a Saturday am basketball camp that will start at the end of February or the beginning of March for third and fourth grade. There is another group that may be interested in a Lego club.

Planning Commission Update – P. teRiele

P. teRiele didn't spend much time this week but has gone back to end of July. She is not sure she is the best person to give these summaries. She can review minutes and there is a lot of things that goes above her head. The Commission is trying to update the zoning ordinance. Discussion held on an alternate and whether a new alternate has been appointed.

New Business

T. Molnar stated he spoke to Tim Munks and it is his understanding they are negotiating a contract for internet services. Consolidated services are favorable to the town because they are willing to own everything they put in based on the money they will get and they will maintain it. The committee is looking for federal grants to oversee the interest to consolidate. They are looking at next fall and it looks promising.

M. McIntyre asked about the benches. T. Molnar gave a brief explanation that the Bridge Committee is trying to get cement to secure the benches they have worked on providing. Discussion on the benches and how they can be secured.

T. Molnar stated he has had a conversation of why there is not a secondhand clothing store in town, as well as higher end hair salon for men. Brief discussion on businesses in town and what could be offered.

Discussion held on the number of members and who attends meetings. Also discussion on November 3 meeting and who should be invited as well as the possibility of the organization of a Chamber of Commerce within Castleton.

8:07 pm Adjourn

T. Molnar made a motion to adjourn. P. teRiele seconded. All voted in favor. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted

Allison Harvey, Recording Secretary

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