

Minutes Town of Waldoboro Economic Development Committee:

March 17, 2017

Attendee's:

Jenn Merritt
John Lawrence
Seth Hall
George Seaver
Ron Phillips (Guest)
Jan Visser (Chairperson)

Jan called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.
March Minutes were approved.

Chairperson's report:

Jan noted that he had sent an email to the select board on behalf of the EDC providing our support for the upgraded audio visual system in the Town Hall meeting room. This improvement will allow for live streaming for those citizens who cannot make it to the meetings. (Note this was subsequently approved by the Select Board).

Jan also put in a formal request for a 2017 budget for the EDC in the amount of \$5,000. This is required to cover the costs of the "Doing Business in Waldoboro" pamphlet as well as a town survey by the Subcommittee on Renewable Energy. (Note this was subsequently approved by the select board).

A discussion of moving the start time of our EDC meeting to 8:30 was raised. Jan was actioned to take a survey of all members for possible change.

Planning Board Report:

Seth updated the committee on recent activities including the Baptist Church expansion.

Communication Technology Committee:

John provided an update on a new grant that is underway to provide fiber service to approximately 50 residents without current service. John noted that Fintown Road was still only covered by DSL and not fiber.

Renewable Energy Subcommittee:

Seth updated the group on recent activity and noted that an informational town meeting on solar energy was being planned for early April. Two expert presenters include Sadie Lloyd with the Town of Belfast and Tim Schneider with the Public Utilities Commission.

There was also a discussion on the status of the Task Force considering the Sylvania site as a potential Solar Plant.

Seth emphasized the importance of writing letters to the local papers in support of renewable energy and net metering.

Old Business:

Jan noted that there was slow progress on the “Doing Business in Waldoboro” pamphlet. Working Group meetings are being postponed until a rough draft of the pamphlet is prepared – using the Pyramid created for that purpose.

New Business:

LED lighting for the town of Waldoboro will be added to the next agenda for discussion.

Jan adjourned the meeting.

Jan