

**Town of Fair Haven
Economic Development Committee
August 1, 2022 – Regular Meeting
Minutes**

Members Present: Glen Traverse, Judi Sutherland, Rachel Meigs, Joe Gunter

Members Absent: Cindy Pritchard

Call to Order

Glen Traverse, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Review the Agenda:

The Agenda was approved as presented.

Review the Minutes of July 11, 2022

Ms. Sutherland moved to approve the minutes of July 11, 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunter and carried.

Meeting with the Building Community Grants

We spoke with a couple who are starting a vineyard with tasting room. They have applied for and received the permits needed from the State and Federal Governments. Their business will create jobs and attract visitors to Fair Haven.

Next we spoke to a member of the First Congregational Church who is seeking funds to update the kitchen and a bathroom. These updates will enable them to open a bi-monthly soup kitchen. This project will help residents of Fair Haven.

The third applicant is an owner of a home products and gutter installation company. He is requesting funds for building weatherization, to include roofing, windows and siding.

The fourth applicant is a couple whose business is woodworking. Their grant funding will help purchase heat pumps and insulate under floor to provide climate control necessary for woodworking. They also need to update their website.

The EDC will review the applications and pass their recommendations on to the Select Board. They, in turn, will forward those applications to the State by September 10th. Funds will be awarded in November.

Old Business

IBC Updates

Fair Haven Friday Nights are nearly finished for this year, with 2 events left. The IBC will be purchasing a banner to get the word out of their events. Next project is the stick figures surrounding the park.

CEDRR Fair Haven Business Page

Ms. Olivia Lyons will be contacting four (4) women who own businesses in Fair Haven for an article on women-owned businesses.

Fair Haven Web Page

Mr. Gunter has contacted a web business but has not heard back. Ms. Meigs will pursue a contact she knows.

New Business

EDC Budget Discussion

This discussion will be carried over to our next meeting.

Public Comment – None

Next Meeting August 29, 2022 at 5:30pm

Adjourn

Ms. Sutherland moved to adjourn, Mr. Gunter seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Sutherland