

**Town of Fair Haven
Economic Development Committee
May 8, 2023 – Regular Meeting
Minutes**

Members Present: Glen Traverse, Judi Sutherland, Jessica Stannard, Joe Gunter

Member Absent: Chadd Vigere

Call to Order

Glen Traverse, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Review the Agenda

Mr. Traverse motioned to add an item under New Business, Discussion of Air B&B and short term rental Town tax and ordinance. Mr. Gunter moved to accept the agenda as amended. Ms. Sutherland seconded and the motion passed.

Review the Minutes of March 3, 2023

There were no changes to the Minutes of April 3, 2023. Mr. Gunter moved to accept the minutes as presented, Ms. Sutherland seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Revolving Loan Application Request

Deborah and Arthur Laiacona are requesting a loan of \$15,000 from the Fair Haven Revolving Loan Program to help with start-up costs for their new business Ruby's Bistro & Bakery. They provided the Committee with a copy of their comprehensive Business Plan and application documents. Ms. Sutherland moved to approve their application and Ms. Stannard seconded. Their application will be given to the Selectboard for final approval.

Old Business

IBC Updates

The IBC will meet on May 8th to decorate the park for Memorial Day with bunting and flags. Update on our Welcome packets for new residents: The IBC has learned that the publisher printed a small quantity of their Guide Books and there aren't any more available other than the 12 copies we have collected. Therefore, 12 packets will be produced for this year for distribution to new residents. The IBC is also compiling information on park events and other events.

Downtown Designation Application

This important application must be completed on time or may be denied. Each member of the EDC will review the application prior to the next meeting for discussion.

Town Plan – Economic Development Section

Each member of the EDC will review this document prior to the next meeting for final approval.

Fair Haven Business Inventory

An updated business inventory is in progress. This information is essential for planning the needs of Fair Haven. Updates will be compiled at the next meeting.

New Business

Fair Haven Marketing Plan

Will discuss at next meeting.

Fair Haven Recreation Economy

At the next meeting we will discuss ideas to create our recreation economy.

Air B&B Short Term Rental Town Tax

Each EDC member will read information regarding taxing short term rental for discussion at the next meeting.

Return EDC Meeting Start Time to 5:30

It has been agreed by all EDC members to start meetings at 5:30.

Public Comment – None

Next meeting: June 5, 2023 at 5:30pm

Adjourn

Mr. Traverse moved to adjourn, Mr. Gunter seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Sutherland