Town of Fair Haven Economic Development Committee June 12, 2023 – Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Call to Order

Glen Traverse, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:38pm.

Review the Agenda

Mr. Traverse motioned to add an item under New Business. A new member to the EDC, Mr. Liam Laramie, has joined the Committee. Mr. Gunter moved to accept the Agenda as amended. Ms. Stannard seconded and the motion passed.

Review the Minutes of March 3, 2023

There were no changes to the Minutes of May 8, 2023. Mr. Gunter moved to accept the minutes as presented, Ms. Stannard seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Old Business

IBC Updates

The Welcome Packets project is complete. The Committee is confirming participants in the Touch A Truck event on June 30, which will be considerably larger than last year. In order to better advertise the events, it has been suggested that a Community Calendar be added to our website.

Downtown Designation Application

A Downtown Designation Status for Fair Haven can provide more available grant funds. However, after much discussion, the decision has been made to renew our Village Designation at this time.

Town Plan – Economic Development Section

Each member of the EDC has reviewed this document for our final approval.

Fair Haven Business Inventory

An updated business inventory continues to be compiled.

New Business

Fair Haven Marketing Plan

Will discuss at next meeting.

Fair Haven Recreation Economy

It is imperative that Fair Haven develop a strong recreation economy for all ages. Organized sports, biking, improved hiking trails and many other possibilities. We will appreciate any input from interested individuals.

Air B&B Short Term Rental Town Tax

We will have a more detailed discussion at our next meeting.

Building Communities Grant Application Schedule

July 3 Announce

August 1 Deadline to Apply August 7 Meet Applicants

August 8 Recommendations to Select Board

August 9 – September 8 Mr. Gunter writes Applications

September 11 Due to State

New EDC Member

We welcome Mr. Liam Laramie to the Economic Development Committee. Ms. Sutherland moved to approve the addition of Mr. Laramie to the EDC. Mr. Gunter seconded and the motion passed.

Public Comment – None

Next meeting: July 10, 2023 at 5:30pm

Adjourn

Mr. Traverse moved to adjourn. Ms. Stannard seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Judi Sutherland