

**Town of Fair Haven
Economic Development Committee
August 7, 2023 – Regular Meeting
Minutes**

Members Present: Glen Traverse, Judi Sutherland, Jessica Stannard, Chadd Viger, Liam Laramie, Joe Gunter

Call to Order

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

Review the Agenda

Mr. Traverse requested a change to the Agenda to move the application for the Building Communities Grant discussion ahead of reviewing the Minutes of July 10, 2023. Mr. Traverse moved to accept the Agenda as amended. Mr. Laramie seconded and the motion passed.

Building Communities Grant Applications

Ms. Laura Merone-Walsh, representing Donuts of Rutland, presented her application for the Building Communities Grant. The funds would be used to help fund HVAC equipment. The committee agreed to support this request. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Traverse and seconded by Mr. Viger. The motion passed.

Green Mountain Elite Sports is revising its application for resubmission.

The Town of Fair Haven is requesting a Grant for business signage along Route 4.

Review the Minutes of July 10, 2023

There were no changes to the Minutes of July 10, 2023. Mr. Gunter moved to accept the minutes as presented, Ms. Sutherland seconded, the motion passed.

Old Business

IBC Updates

The latest Friday Night event, Family Night, didn't have the turnout expected. There were several other events that evening and a lack of advertising contributed to the low turnout. The committee desperately needs a banner and more information on other marketing strategies.

Town Plan – Economic Development Section

The committee continued to refine our portion.

Fair Haven Business Inventory

An updated business inventory continues to be compiled and should be completed at next meeting.

New Business

Fair Haven Recreation Economy

Discussion continues on the importance of increasing our recreation economy with programs and increasing awareness of these facilities, as well as sponsors for events. Leadership is needed.

Air B&B Short Term Rental Town Tax

This will be addressed at our next meeting.

Public Comment – None

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 5:30pm

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Sutherland