

**Town of Fair Haven
Economic Development Committee
January 8, 2024 – Regular Meeting
Minutes**

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

Members Absent: Jessica Stannard

Call to Order

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

Review the Agenda

Mr. Traverse moved to revise the next meeting date to Tuesday, February 13, 2024, and all subsequent meetings will be the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm. Mr. Gunter moved to accept the Agenda as revised and Mr. Viger seconded. The motion passed.

Review the Minutes of November 6, 2023

There were no changes to the minutes of October 2, 2023. Mr. Gunter moved to accept the Minutes as presented. Ms. Sutherland seconded and the motion passed.

Meeting with CEDRR

Mr. Lyle Jepson, Executive Director, and Mr. Cooper Babbitt, Operations Director, joined the EDC to discuss collaborating efforts of Fair Haven and the Rutland Region. Discussions included the Small Business Exchange Program, which is a grant for technical assistance. Fair Haven will continue to work toward a Downtown Designation which will provide more opportunities and grants. Fair Haven is encouraged to become a member of the Regional Marketing Committee.

Old Business

IBC Updates

The Christmas lighting and decorations were appreciated. The children were very excited to see Santa! The next event will be an opportunity for families to participate in a St. Patrick's Day scavenger hunt. Gnomes will be hidden in shops on Main Street for a chance to win prizes. Other events are in the works.

Regional Priority Project

There was further discussion of the list of priority projects for 2024. These projects will be an economic and community development list to match the funding needs with federal and state funding. This list will be revised twice yearly.

Revolving Loan Request

An application for the revolving loan program has been received. The applicant will be invited to the next meeting to review.

New Business

Building Communities Grant Applications

The Town of Fair Haven submitted a request for a grant for business signage along and off Route 4. The grant was approved. Waiting for the details of installation.

Community Bulletin Board

The committee discussed the location, cost and style of the bulletin board. Location and style options were discussed. Once the style is determined, the cost can be determined.

Ordinance for Property Appearance & Maintenance

Postponed until next meeting.

1% Option Tax

Postponed until next meeting.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 5:30pm

Adjourn

Mr. Gunter moved to adjourn. Mr. Viger seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Sutherland