**Town of Fair Haven**

**Economic Development Committee**

**February 13, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Glen Traverse, Judi Sutherland, Chadd Viger, Jessica Stannard

**Participating Guest**: Ceil Hunt

**Member Absent:** Joe Gunter

**Call to Order**

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

**Review the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda of February 13, 2024. Mr. Traverse moved to accept the Agenda as presented and Mr. Viger seconded. The motion passed.

**Review the Minutes of February 13, 2024**

There were no changes to the minutes of February 13, 2024. Ms, Sutherland moved to accept the Minutes as presented. Ms. Stannard seconded and the motion passed.

**Revolving Loan Request**

Ms. Sasha Martin, owner of Sol-Luna Bodyworks (a yoga studio) met with the committee to submit her application for our Revolving Loan plan. Ms. Martin will be leasing a space on Main Street and has been practicing yoga for over 20 years. She needs the funds for repairs to the space, equipment, an air purification system and sign. The committee will discuss her application further.

**Old Business**

**IBC Updates**

Our St. Patrick’s event this year will be a roaming gnome. During the week of March 11-18, there will be a gnome hiding in businesses on Main Street, spending just one day in each of 8 businesses. Families are encouraged to visit the business of the day and try to find the gnome. When you do, you will write your name and number on paper for a drawing of all the eagle eyes! The winning name will receive a gift from the business.

**Community Bulletin Board Purchase & Installation**

The IBC is in search of a local carpenter to construct the bulletin board. The design and plans have been agreed upon.

**1% Option Tax Discussion**

Discussion continued on this issue. What could it generate? Where is the best place to use these funds to help the economy of Fair Haven?

**New Business**

**Building Communities Grant Applications**

Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

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**Ordinance for Property Appearance & Maintenance**

Continued discussion of how to help homeowners repair and control clutter around the exterior of their homes.

**CEDRR Marketing Committee**

The Real Rutland CEDRR includes all of Rutland County. Fair Haven will be invited to a Meet & Greet to discuss how we can work together to better our towns. Fair Haven will be included in a housing tour and our Welcome Packets to new residents in Rutland, as well.

**Public Comment:** None

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 5:30pm

**Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Sutherland