**Town of Fair Haven**

**Economic Development Committee**

**March 12, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Glen Traverse, Chadd Viger, Jessica Stannard, Ceil Hunt, Joe Gunter

**Participating Guest**:

**Member Absent:** Judi Sutherland

**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. Gunter seconded. The motion passed.

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

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

**Old Business**

**IBC Updates**

The roaming gnome project has been successful so far. The Gnome continues its trek around downtown Fair Haven visiting and hiding out at the businesses.

**Community Bulletin Board Purchase & Installation**

Brief discussion about the bulletin board project and how many communities have a board such as this.

**1% Option Tax Discussion**

Discussion continued on this issue. Joe will reach out to the contractor to see how progress is coming on the report.

**Revolving loan- Yoga Studio**

Joe reported that the loan was provided to Sasha Martin to buy supplies for her new yoga studio.

**CEDRR Marketing Committee update**

Glen provide an update on what the Committee is doing to promote Rutland County businesses. He provided handouts that had website use data and info about the Real Rutland event

**New Business**

**Grant Applications**

Joe updated the committee on a few grants including the park and ride, the park lights, the downtown sidewalk grant, and the signage grant.

**Ordinance for Property Appearance & Maintenance**

Continued discussion of how to help homeowners repair and control clutter around the exterior of their homes. The Green Mountain church of Christ reached out to The Town asking about possible home painting and repair projects.

**Downtown Business Concerns**

The Committee discussed the concerns residents had about the upcoming downtown sidewalk project.

**Collaborating with Rutland City**

Chadd met with the mayor of Rutland City. They discussed upcoming events in the Rutland area and how Fair Haven might collaborate with the city in the future.

**Monthly news letter**

The board discussed in general about how to better get information out to Fair Haven Residents. Ceil had a copy of Madina Ohio’s new letter which she shared with the committee.

Ceil made a motion to adopt a monthly newsletter, Jessica seconded motion passed unanimously

**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,

Joe Gunter