

Fair Haven Economic Development Committee
Minutes
4 June 2024

In attendance: Joe Gunter, Glen Traverse, Mike Pavelec, Sarah Pelkey (Guest)

- Call to Order at 5:30
- Approved Agenda by unanimous consent
- Approved Past Minutes by unanimous consent (edited spelling of last name 'Pavelec')
- Sarah Pelkey (guest) representing Poultney Housing Development Initiative
 - o Discussion on Coalition Housing Committee
 - o Town of Poultney and Town of Fair Haven to coordinate for Western Rutland County effort towards housing development
 - o Overview of State of Vermont Housing Development initiatives, currently 8 incentive programs (I did not get the list from Ms. Pelkey)
 - o The purpose of Ms. Pelkey's visit was to initiate conversation about Regional Housing Coalition and to investigate a partnership
 - Focus on attempts to fill vacancies in every category of housing
 - Focus on attempts to attract residents to Western Rutland County
 - Questions and discussion on regulation of Air B&B properties (note, after the meeting Mike Pavelec found 3 in Fair Haven, 0 in Poultney, and 6 in and around Castleton and around Lake Bomoseen in a cursory search of the app)
 - Discussion on census or some sort of data collection to determine the scope of the issue
 - o Ms. Pelkey asked if EDC/Fair Haven town leadership would be interested. Glen will bring it to the next meeting to see if anyone wants to get more involved as a volunteer and if there is interest in Fair Haven joining in effort
 - Focus of group will be planning for future benefit of combined communities
- IBC – not represented
- Bulletin Board – not represented
- Economic Development Newsletter – effort has been well-received. People like the monthly updates and has people excited. Keep and expand effort.
- CEDRR – no new news, CEDRR meeting is scheduled for 6 June thus no new information
- Ordinance for Property Appearance and Maintenance
 - o Discussion and new wording

- Once EDC has an opportunity to review EDC will vote to send it to Town Select Board where it will begin the town process
- Discussion to continue

- New Business
 - Discussion of town businesses' concerns about parking plan
 - Basically, town businesses' concerns about ongoing construction effects on business operations in short term. May need to have open house or town hall to continue conversation with business owners and operators
 - Lynn Havens will attend next meeting to petition to join EDC

- Next Meeting: 2 July 2024
- Adjourned 6:59

Recorded by Mike Pavelec