# Town of Fair Haven Economic Development Committee September 10, 2024 – Regular Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Glen Traverse, Joe Gunter, Judi Sutherland, Mike Pavelek, Ceil Hunt, Jessica Stannard, Chadd Viger

### Call to Order

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

### **Review the Agenda**

Add a presentation by J. W. Shaw's Houses of Hope and also add a zoom presentation by William Houck representing Placer.ai. Mr. Pavelek moved to accept the Agenda with additions, Ms. Sutherland seconded and the motion passed.

# Review the Minutes of July 2, 2024

There were no changes to the minutes of July 2, 2024. Ms. Hunt moved to accept the Minutes as presented, Mr. Pavelek seconded and the motion passed.

### **Old Business**

## **IBC Updates**

The upcoming events in the park include the Apple Fest on September 21<sup>s478</sup> and the stick figures surrounding the park on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

# **Community Bulletin Board Purchase & Installation**

After additional discussion and review, it has been decided that the bulletin board must be located in an area which is close to parking, can easily be cleared of snow and a clearer view from passing traffic. A specific location will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **EDC Newsletter**

Our monthly EDC Newsletter is ready again thanks to Ms. Ceil Hunt. Excellent!

### You Are Here Map

This feature will be installed near the Community Bulletin Board.

### **CEDRR Marketing Committee**

The Committee is discussing Real Rutland products to offer. Suggestions were reusable shopping totes, beanies and maple syrup.

### **Ordinance for Property Appearance & Maintenance**

Further discussion at our next meeting.

### **House of Hope**

Mr. Jeremy Shaw introduced us to the Houses of Hope program, a group living home/sobriety residence for men in recovery. EDC members will discuss this further.

EDC Minutes - September 10, 2024 Page Two

### Placer.ai

Mr. William Houck joined our meeting via Zoom. This market intelligence program is aimed to support local business, aid in economic recovery and growth, and geo fence any particular area. This program is accessed by annual subscription. The committee will discuss this further.

### **New Business**

# **Interest in Joining the EDC**

Ms. Laura Pedroni recently relocated to Fair Haven from Oregon. She is interested in joining the EDC. We hope to welcome her soon!

# **The Planning Committee Update**

The Planning Committee of Fair Haven is looking into higher level designations for our town, such as Downtown Designation, Subdivision By-Laws and Neighborhood Designation. These updated designations will give us the opportunity for a greater amount of grant money.

**Public Comment:** None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2024., 2024 at 5:30pm

### Adjourn

Mr. Viger moved to adjourn. Mr. Pavelek seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

Respectfully submitted, Judi Sutherland