**Town of Fair Haven**

**Economic Development Committee & Downtown Partnership**

**April 1, 2025 – Regular Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Glen Traverse, Ceil Hunt, Judi Sutherland, Laura Pedroni (via zoom), Deborah Laiacona, Mike Pavelec, Chadd Viger.

**Guest:** Lorraine Brown

**Call to Order**

Glen Traverse, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**Review the Agenda**

Ms. Hunt motioned to accept the agenda as presented, Mr. Pavelec seconded, and the motion passed.

**Review the Minutes of March 11, 2025**

Ms. Hunt motioned to accept the minutes as written and Mr. Pavelec seconded. The motion passed.

**Old Business**

**IBC Updates**

Ms. Brown joined our meeting this evening to inform our members that the IBC members have agreed to relinquish the Winter/Christmas festival in the park to Ms. Laiacona, Mr. Laiacona, and Mr. Doran. The IBC has been in charge of this festival for 5 years. As much as the IBC has enjoyed this project, the members are finding it difficult to execute during our winter weather. The IBC will make arrangements to transfer the decorating inventory to the new committee.

The Roamin’ Gnome event was very successful this year!

**EDC Newsletter**

Thank you, Ms. Hunt, for this edition to our community awareness!

**Fair Haven Blooms**

Ms. Pedroni gave us an update. Home Depot will donate large ceramic pots and plants. The goal is to have 20-30 pots around town that business owners, property owners and residents will maintain. We will continue to accept donations, whether they are plants, soil, mulch, or other needed supplies or monetary donations. Help is needed to accomplish this wonderful project. We hope to recruit volunteers from churches, Girl Scouts, athletic groups, and individuals. This annual event will be scheduled on the first Saturday in May.

**EDDP Bylaws Update for Downtown Designation**

In our continued effort to attain a Downtown Designation, work continues on the Bylaws. Detailed line-by-line discussion has begun and will continue at each meeting until complete. Ms. Laiacona will update this document with the committee’s revisions after each meeting.

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**New Business**

Logan & Gary will join us at our May 6th meeting to discuss the Bylaws and Partnership Agreement for Downtown.

**Public Comment**

None

**Next Meeting: Tuesday May 6, 2025, at 5:00pm.**

**Adjourn**

Ms. Hunt motioned to adjourn, Mr. Pavelec seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Sutherland