

CEDC Meeting Minutes

For May 2, 2019 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairperson Cyndi Robbins called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with Members Ray Cloutier, Norm Davis, and Jennifer Letourneau present. Jay Kiel absent with notice.

Guest acknowledgements

Guests present – Matt Garside, Noreen Norton, Joe Cimino, Steve Robinson, Walter Gallagher, Jim Porter, Sheila Foley, Stacey Bsullak, and Jimmy Walker.

Approve minutes

Norm Davis moved to approve the meeting minutes from the April 4, 2019 meeting. Ray Cloutier seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 4-yes 0-no

Review financials – Matt Garside

Ray Cloutier moved to approve the financials and invoices. Jen Letourneau seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 4-yes 0-no

NEW BUSINESS

Noreen Norton – TIF presentation

Noreen gave her presentation on TIF's to the Committee and assorted guests who had lots of questions.

Maine State Bicentennial – December 31, 2020

The Committee would like to celebrate the state bicentennial. There is money available from the State to support local celebrations and the Committee would like to capitalize on it. Initial thoughts are fireworks at Heritage Day 2020 etc. A subcommittee will be formed to work on this.

Elect officers

At the start of the meeting there was no official chair, vice chair, or secretary. Steve Robinson and Stan Tetenman are no longer on the Committee because they have been voted onto the Board of Selectpersons. Therefore, the Committee is short two members. There are multiple applications before the Board of Selectpersons, and they should be appointing new members at their next meeting.

A conversation about who will be the next Chairperson ensued. Norm agreed to temporarily be the Chairperson and at the July meeting after the new members are sworn in etc. there will be a new vote.

Cyndi Robbins nominated Norm Davis as temporary Chairperson. Ray Cloutier seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 3-yes 0-no 1-abstained

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BAH – send out postcards on May 20th, John Williams and Becky Conrad confirmed as speakers, get me lists of people you want invited, anything new?

Sarah Merrill gave an update and asked the Committee members to send her the contact info for people they wanted to be sent postcards to come to the event.

Banners – update on CMP, have poles been picked?

Sarah Merrill gave an update on hearing from CMP. Cyndi Robbins and Ray Cloutier will get the pole numbers to be approved by CMP.

The Committee also talked about the “Welcome to Poland” town signs. The logos on the signs need to be fixed. Mr. Chips will look at them and let the Committee know what the cost will be.

Ray Cloutier would like to put raised beds around the signs and get better plantings. The Committee would like to investigate this and look at starting with the signs on Route 26. Also, the watering of the plants at all of the signs will be done by Poland Public Works summer crew.

Website and visitpoland.me – what should this look like?

The Committee needs to think about what they want on this and would like it placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The Committee would also like to get some new pictures of Poland to put on the website. A good way to do this might be to have a photo contest and or hire a professional.

OLD BUSINESS

Water/ Sewer Extension

The latest update Matt Garside has been given is that getting this from Five Corners in Mechanic Falls is not going to happen anytime soon.

The Committee would like a line item breakdown of costs that include how much Wright Pierce is making on the project.

OPEN ISSUES / OTHER ISSUES

Invoice question from Sarah Merrill

Sarah Merrill received an invoice from Gems of 26 and asked for clarification from the Committee as to what it is and whether it's something that is going to be paid. According to Cyndi Robbins it has been going on for ten years promoting the area and businesses along Route 26 from Gray to South Paris. Several Committee members would like to have more discussions about this at some point in the future, but are fine with paying the invoice in the meantime.

Ray Cloutier moved to approve paying this invoice. Jennifer Letourneau seconded the motion.

Discussion: None Vote: 3-yes 0-no 1 abstained

ADJOURNMENT

Ray Cloutier moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Jennifer Letourneau seconded the motion.

Discussion: None Vote: 4-yes 0-no