

CEDC Meeting Minutes

For September 6, 2018 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Steve Robinson calls the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with Members Ray Cloutier, Norm Davis, Deb Ouellette, Stan Tetenman, and Bill Eldridge present. Members Cyndi Robbins and Jay Kiel absent with notice.

Guest acknowledgements

Guests present Matt Garside and Jimmy Walker.

Approve minutes

Norm Davis moved to accept the meeting minutes from the August 2, 2018 meeting and the August 16, 2018 meeting. Deb Ouellette seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 6-yes 0-no

Review financials – Matt Garside

Went over the financials and the invoices. Questions arose about future maintenance costs for the landscaping at the Town signs. Need to see how much this is going to cost next year and whether CEDC is going to continue paying for it. Ray Cloutier moved to approve the financials. Deb Ouellette seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 6-yes 0-no

NEW BUSINESS

Banners

Most of the Committee likes the top three banner examples and want them to say Poland, Maine like the first example with the cyclist. The Committee would like banners with the following themes: a cyclist, hiking, golf, fishing, canoeing/kayaking, ice fishing/snowshoeing, snowmobiling, camping, wildlife – i.e. a moose or deer, snowflake, wreath, and a snowman. Make two of each of these and place them twice a year – spring/summer and fall/winter. The questions of who will place and take care of the banners needs to be decided.

The Committee would like to have Mr. Chips put together some samples with the chosen themes, they would like to know what the cost is going to be, and to see a sample of the brackets. There is also the question of whether CMP is ok with the brackets and placement. And how soon can the banners go up.

Steve Robinson and Deb Ouellette will work with Cyndi Robbins to talk with Mr. Chips and have him come to the October 4th meeting.

Marijuana Committee

The Committee has been asked to send a CEDC member to join the marijuana committee. This group will meet every other Wednesday for four to five months. Both Stan Tetenman and Bill Eldridge have expressed interest in being the CEDC liaison. Bill Eldridge will be the CEDC liaison.

Subcommittee update for Fall 2019 Event

Deb Ouellette gave an update on the last meeting with the other members where they brainstormed ideas. They are currently looking at an event that combines a triathlon with other events

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like bands/entertainment, fireworks, and maybe even link it with Heritage Days. Because of the amount of work involved in planning an event like this Deb Ouellette would like to get some quotes as to the cost of hiring an event coordinator. Right now the tentative date for this event is September 14, 2019.

Business and Community Expo – Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce

The consensus of the Committee is this is not a worthwhile event for CEDC to attend. The Committee would like to invite John Williams to attend the next BAH.

Gathering Winds Farm – Matt Garside

This was just a heads up to the Committee about an event being put on by a small business in town.

Special Town Meeting Update

Postcards from the Town as well as from CEDC have gone out to the residents to get them to turn out at the meeting. The Committee thinks it would be a good idea to advertise this meeting on the signs at the transfer Station and Public Works Department. It is already being advertised on the Town Office sign and the Town website.

Richard Whiting from Auburn Public Housing will be at this meeting, but the elderly housing project is at least a year to a year and a half away from starting.

Direction for Sarah

Create a bin list of items to work on in between projects.

Deb Ouellette hasn't had a chance to do the business of the quarter for Northeast Bank and could Sarah Merrill and or Matt Garside help with this.

The Committee would like a copy of the business list for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OPEN ISSUES / OTHER ISSUES

Ray Cloutier would like to come up with a way to utilize, rent, or buy the Poland Community Church. It's a good location and could be used for a variety of community events such as a farmer's market.

The Committee would like to see something written up in the paper and put on the website about the new fish market in Poland to draw attention to and support new business. The Committee would also like to start doing the same thing for all new Poland businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

Stan Tetenman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Ray Cloutier seconded the motion.

Discussion: None Vote: 6-yes 0-no