

CEDC Meeting Minutes

For February 7, 2019 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Steve Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with Members Jen Letourneau, Cyndi Robbins, Ray Cloutier, Norm Davis, Jay Kiel, and Stan Tetenman present.

Guest acknowledgements

Guests present – Matt Garside, Stacey Bsullak, Charlie Foley, and Jimmy Walker.

Approve minutes

Cyndi Robbins moved to approve the meeting minutes from the December 6, 2019 meeting. Jay Kiel seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 7-yes 0-no

Review financials – Matt Garside

Matt Garside went over the financials and the invoices. Cyndi Robbins moved to approve the financials and the invoices. Norm Davis seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 7-yes 0-no

NEW BUSINESS

Banners

The Committee would like to put a website on the bottom of the banners. Cyndi Robbins will get the website “visitpoland.me”. Cyndi Robbins will also ask the banner company to send new designs with the address at the bottom of the banners to send to the members for their thoughts.

Business of the quarter

Ray Cloutier moved to make Richard Bader Physical Therapy the business of the quarter. Stan Tetenman seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 7-yes 0-no

Questions for business survey

The Committee went over the variety of questions submitted by the members for the survey. The Committee wants to create a survey that can be done online via Survey Monkey, handed at Town Meeting, and mailed out. Steve Robinson and Sarah Merrill will work on creating the survey. Cyndi Robbins will put the survey on Survey Monkey because she already has an account. There will also be a link on the town website.

The Committee would like to have a booth at the Town Meeting to hand out business surveys to people with stamped return envelopes.

Next BAH

The next business after hours will be on June 20th from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Maine State Building. There will be speeches around 6:00 pm. Look into having someone tell the attendees about the building. Also, have John Williams and Becky speak.

The fall business after hours will be on October 17th at Cyndi's Dockside. The rest of the details will be worked out as the date gets closer.

Business of the Year Award to present at town meeting and who will present this

Sarah Merrill will give the recipient list for the 2018 businesses of the quarter to the Board of Selectpersons for them to choose a business of the year. Steve Robinson will present the yearly award at the Town Meeting.

Marijuana Public Hearing

The public hearing on all the CLUC amendments including marijuana will be held on February 12, 2019. The Committee would like to have a map with the zones at both the public hearing and at the Town Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

OPEN ISSUES / OTHER ISSUES

Water and Sewer Extension

The Committee would like to invite Zakk Maher, the Mechanic Falls Town Manager, to a meeting to talk about extending the water and sewer lines from Mechanic Falls to Poland. Matt Garside has spoken with Mr. Maher and at this time Mechanic Falls isn't looking to expand their water and sewer lines because they are close to capacity. There may be opportunity for water and sewer from Oxford and in conjunction with Mechanic Falls. Matt Garside will follow up on this.

Ending the TIF

Matt Garside brought up starting to think about ending the TIF. The Committee doesn't think this is the right time to have that conversation, but they would like to know when Noreen thinks is the right time to end the TIF.

Upcoming Events

Cyndi Robbins gave a n update on the following events:

February 24th Bill Bouchard will be having a snowshoeing event at the Inn. It will be a fun event not a timed event.

Heritage Day will be June 22nd and they will be adding two new events: a beer fest and a 5k run. Last year the Committee donated to Heritage Day and Cyndi Robbins asked the Committee to donate this year as well. Ray Cloutier moved to give \$2,000.00 to the Heritage Day event. Norm Davis seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 6-yes 0-no Cyndi Robbins abstained from voting.

Scott Segal, the Recreation Director for Poland, sent Cyndi Robbins a letter that he will be coming to the Committee to talk about regarding advertising and marketing for future events.

Stacey Bsullak talked about a variety of events she has coming up this year that she will keep everyone updated on as they get closer.

ADJOURNMENT

Jay Kiel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Stan Tetenman seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 7-yes 0-no