

Woodstock Economic Development Commission

10/4/18 Meeting
Town Hall
7:00 p.m.

Dial-in Number: (319) 527-2823
Access Code: 755165

1. Call to Order
2. Citizen Comments (5 min)
3. Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2018 (5 min)
4. Grant Presentations (60 min)
 - EC Fiber, Outreach
 - Sustainable Woodstock, Green Bags/ Outreach
 - Jane Lackley, WUHS Apparel
 - Woodstock Christian Child Care, Expand Infant Care
 - Town of Woodstock, Village Green Lighting
 - Wayne Thompson, Public Art
5. Financial Report (5 min)
6. Chairman Report (5 min)
7. Coordinator Report (5 min)
8. General EDC updates
 - a. Promotion / Website (5 min)
 - b. Economic Resources (5 min)
 - c. Civic Revitalization (5 min)
 - d. Recreation Assets (5 min)
9. Other business
10. New business
11. Adjourn

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Coordinator's Report

Prepared for October 4, 2018 meeting

From the Coordinator:

As requested, this report will be attached to the posted agenda for the next meeting. These notes are meant to be an informal update of Coordinator activities and intended to inform the EDC Commissioners of relevant activities prior to the board meeting to save valuable time during the meeting. Clarifications and additions may be requested from the Coordinator before or during the EDC meeting.

Administrative

Financial - An updated budget will be sent to commissioners. It is updated from the draft budget adopted in June. I have included the 2018 grants to date as well as other organizational commitments.

Select Board – Julia presented the Rainbow Playschool and the Storefront Incentive Grant Program. The Select Board approved both as presented. The Select Board also approved the reallocation of the unexpended funds as presented.

The Select Board approved the EDC request to apply for a Municipal Planning Grant for the River Loop Trail.

At a special meeting on September 28, the board signed a municipal resolution in support of the application.

Community Grants

Julia held two grant writing workshops during September. These continue to be an opportunity for potential grantees to connect with the EDC prior to submitting an application.

Applications received for the September grant cycle include:

Applicant	Project	Total Budget	Grant Request
David Brown	EC Fiber Outreach	\$6,000	\$6,000
Sustainable Woodstock	Green Bags/ Outreach	\$13,540	\$8,680
Jane Lackley	WUHS Apparel	\$8,847	\$5,000
Woodstock Christian Child Care	Expand Infant Care Program	\$9,075	\$5,000
Town of Woodstock	Village Green Lighting	\$65,716	\$17,666
Wayne Thompson	Public Art	\$5,000	\$5,000

All applicants have been invited to the October 4 meeting. Full grant applications will be sent to EDC commissioners. Applications will also be available in a Dropbox - <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/trrncjh27ptxnb6/AADiWbDaxgwKQvusY94PjxLja?dl=0>

Community Connections

Housing study – The housing survey received over 450 responses and was closed two weeks ago. We anticipate that the final housing report will be submitted in the next month.

Community Visioning –The visioning group will be providing additional information to the Resources Committee including endorsements and a more detailed budget. The visioning group is also working with the National Park on an application to participate in a program called "Gateway Communities: Balancing Nature and Commerce in Rural Communities." MBRNHP has funding for a team to attend the 3-day event in West Virginia in February. They are looking for a team of at least seven people to attend from Woodstock.

Woodstock Non-profit Network – I attended a meeting of the network to stay in touch with the important work that non-profits are doing in our community and presented the granting opportunities. The network will meet quarterly.

VCRD Local Leadership Conference – I attended the Vermont Council for Rural Development's "Making It Happen" conference this week. These events are a great way to see what other communities are doing and to make connections.

Misc. Outreach – Bike path material, cultural surge, East End discussions.

EDC Projects

Website – The website continues to do well. The newsletter updates have lots of great content and are targeted for both locals and visitors - <https://www.woodstockvt.com/newsletter>. The community website committee continues to review and advise on the content and future of the website.

Economic Resources – The committee met with the visioning group and asked for additional information to help clarify the process and expenses.

Revitalization - To be reported on at meeting.

Recreation – The committee continues to work on the River Loop Trail. With help from the Planning and Zoning office an application was submitted for a Municipal Planning Grant to update the 2000 Riverwalk study.

Upcoming Events

Next EDC meeting - Thursday, November 1, 7:00pm, Woodstock Town Hall

Please let me know if there are any upcoming events that would be of interest to the EDC.

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