

Town of Eliot  
Business Development Committee-Meeting Minutes  
June 24, 2009

Present: John Chagnon, Craig Goss, Dwight Snow, Russ McMullen, Kristin McMullen, Betsy O'Donoghue

John Chagnon call to order-5:05pm

Public Comment:

None

Minutes of previous meeting:

Reviewed-Motion to accept: Kristin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Russ; all approved  
Dwight Snow abstained.

Dwight Snow announced he was submitting letter of resignation-he wanted to go back to being a liaison.

Review of agenda:

Betsy initiated discussion on Pine Tree Zone. Was the committee for it or not?  
Committee determined a letter to the Board of Selectman showing committee support for Zone would be appropriate.

John C. asked if there was a motion "to support Eliot being part of a Pine Street Zone". Russ made a motion requesting selectman send a letter to Augusta requesting that Eliot be part of a Pine Tree Zone". Dwight Snow; 2<sup>nd</sup>; Unanimous vote to approve.

Eliot Business after Hours update:

Kristin reported great turnout at last event (40+) attendees, but less than 1<sup>st</sup> event. Attributed to summer and less door to door recruiting. Overall very successful! Surveys were distributed at last event-Seven were returned. Survey requested ideas on what event attendees would like to see at future events. Number one request was a Trade show.

Various ideas were discussed on how we might accomplish that request. Should it be a Public show or a Business to Business show? Debate determined Public was the way to go-more work but perhaps greater return.

Details to be discussed at future meeting. No Business after hours for July or August. Next meeting for BAH's/Sptember 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Possible discussion of a Trade show for Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>?

Town Meeting Update:  
Not discussed

Review Committee Bylaws:

John Chagnon presented bylaws that were emailed prior to this meeting. They were read aloud and language changes were recommended and discussed. Question was asked whether we can adopt our own changes or do we need selectman approval?

Russ made a motion that the chairman (Chagnon) send the Board of Selectman a request to increase the membership of the EBDC from 5 to 7 members and that he attend said meeting when it is on the agenda.

Kristin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Unanimous vote

At August meeting, according to by laws it was discussed that we vote for:

1. Chairman
2. Vice Chairman
3. Secretary

Business Development:

No new letters/closures/openings

New Business:

The energy committee has requested an invite to make a presentation to the EBDC in August-request made thru Kristin. Discussion and determination of that presentation will be made at a future meeting.

Town Welcome sign further discussion:

The color of the sign was reviewed based upon samples given to the committee by John Chagnon. Russ made a motion that we use the same color scheme that now exists on Eliot welcome signs in various locations in town. It was also suggested that we incorporate the “settled in 1623” in small letters on the sign.

Craig; 2<sup>nd</sup> Unanimous vote

Next Meeting:

August 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm Eliot Town Hall.

Meeting Adjourned 6:30 pm

Submitted by Craig Goss