



## Business Development Committee

### 12-16-14 Minutes



Attending: Melissa Horner, Rick Bates, Ted Place, Russ McMullen Steve Reiner, Dana Lee

- There was no public comment.
- R. McMullen moved to approve the 11-17-14 minutes as presented, seconded by R. Bates and so voted unanimously.
- Several committee members submitted changes for the Business Friendly application. Chair Horner will incorporate ideas and changes. Discussed if we should send in early; discussed need to run the application by the Board of Selectmen.
- Discussed Business After Hours (BAH) sponsorship letter. Several ideas were generated. Chair Horner will re-write.
- Reviewed the list of who will call which business businesses. Must be done by February meeting.
- Dana was asked to set up sinking fund with Finance Office to receive donations. Dana said to have people make checks to Business Development Committee (footnote B.A.H.)
- Dana will draft up a blank receipt for donations of tax deductible cash or raffle gifts.
- Dana was asked to check to see if any email list of businesses still exist. Russ said he would ask his daughter as well.
- Dana reported on his first Chamber of Commerce meeting. Early May home show coming up and a Jan. 21 Business After Hours at the Regatta. Several said they would attend to see how they run one.
- Steve agreed to follow up politically on why Maine disallows peer-to-peer lending.
- Russ stated that between the opposition to opening up the Growth permits and not allowing the TIF sewer on Rte 236 is thwarting local jobs; 30 additional houses won't get built affecting tradespeople and local business. Need to begin to counter the opposition's constant efforts to crush local economy.
- Chair Horner stated that the Planning Board was taking up changes to the Growth ordinance tomorrow night and encouraged people to attend. Chair Horner said she would send Dana a link to commercial property listing in Eliot and asked if it could go on web site.
- Chair Horner was encouraged <sup>d</sup> to invite the Kittery Rotary and the Eliot-So. Berwick Rotary.
- Chair Horner offered an idea to hold an event this summer; cookout for all committees and staff; not open to public; at Dead Duck? Idea was well received.
- It was suggested that we have a presence at Festival Days
- An idea of buying / fund <sup>raising</sup> some plastic display racks for local business flyers / cards.
- Next Meeting will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1/19/14 at 5:30 in the Large Meeting Room.

- At 6:55 Russ made a motion to adjourn, this was seconded by Rick Bates and so voted unanimously.

**Town Of Eliot**  
**Eliot Business Development Committee**  
**Business After Hours Donation Receipt**

**Save the Date: At the Regatta, Business After Hours, \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, 5:00 to 7:00 PM**

*The Town of Eliot is a tax-exempt organization and your donation is tax deductible.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Monetary Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Raffle Gift Donation Retail Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

*We thank you for sponsoring a get-together of local businesses.*