

Cornwall Economic Development
Commission
**EDC Minutes 02/25/20 @ 7:30
p.m. At The Union (formerly the
Pottery Store)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. In attendance was: Janet, Priscilla, Dee, Simon, Dick, Richard, Arnon, Ron, Marina and Lee, attending via speakerphone.

- The minutes were reviewed, a motion was made by Priscilla to accept the minutes, seconded by Dee, approved by all.

Presentation -

- Dee and Janet gave a presentation to help the EDC align tactics to strategy and objectives.
- Dee is following up with EDC members to get their input

Discussion -

The Sewer project was brought up for discussion.

- Concern around how to frame and present this project in a way that will ensure that it gets passed. Areas of discussion included (Marina answered many):

Timing:

- Application for USDA done.
- Left to do: Vote mid-summer

Project specifics:

- How many wells will be affected?
- Where will the site be specifically located?

Cost:

- Loan request is almost \$5million and we have not been told what ongoing costs
 - How will cost be divided amongst taxpayers?
- What would the annual cost to the town and the opportunity cost if not constructed?

Who is the owner/champion of this project?

- Todd- chair sewer committee
- Board of selectmen to spearhead

How can EDC help get this passed? More discussion needed around this

Idea: Make a model- that can travel to meetings so that people can understand scope and location

Other business:

P+Z: Working on signage regulations but nothing to report

New town planner: helps the town implement what they want to do. Comes from the COG. She has seen what other towns have done.

- Can she come to the meeting?
- Is this a full-time job? No it is a consultancy. She is staying at the COG.

Five Points Gallery bought UConn campus; turning into artist residency and center

Events have not developed: Marina noted that it is striking that the majority of young people want more events. Bridge dance was a great thing and we dropped the ball on this.

- Young mothers
- Single people

Simon and Kate developed a list of topics for a speaker series

Budget:

\$4380 to spend

Requested \$7500 for 2020

(as comparison Washington has \$55,000 budget)

Announcements

- Next meeting March 24th at 7:30 pm at The Union, located at 415 Sharon-Goshen Turnpike in West Cornwall.

Janet moved to adjourn, seconded by Priscilla, approved by all.