

Cornwall Economic Development Commission

EDC Meeting

Minutes 09/12/17

AGENDA

Janet Carlson called the meeting to order at 9:04am. In attendance- Kate, Dick Sears, Gordon, Priscilla, Dave, Janet, and Jacque. No additions to the agenda.

Reports

- Lisa - The Historical Society Made in Cornwall exhibit illustrated the towns' s economic ventures and the effect of rail and looking to carry the idea forward, she' s looking for business owners to speak at Community Conversations. Suggested speakers for Making a Living talk - Cynthia Matthews, Larry Stevens, Dean Saccardi, Kate Ward, and Janet. To be discussed: fiber optics, housing and infrastructure issues and possibilities.

- Sean of soon to open Peraly' s introduced himself to the Committee and shared the backstory behind the unusual name. We heard early menu and hours plan and a bit about his family and what brought him to Cornwall. We wished him all the best and offered support, including rec' s for signage and volunteers for painting.

- Priscilla - Reiterated P&Z is a friendly group open to helping people create and make a living in town in line with the town plan. Gordon reminded about current demographics and that bringing up the school population is important. Less restrictions, change regulations seem to be the call moving forward. There' s a town forum happening on Oct. 20 that all are encouraged to attend and

weigh in, voice support for ideas that would bring young families.
Yes Cornwall is residential but we want folks to work here too.

- Group discussion on moving ahead with town plan, septic and thinking outside the box, perhaps consider community trusts or tiny house development. What else to do with raw land? Preservation is important but so too are economy, housing and community vitality. Joint wells? Parcel programs?

Unfinished Business

- Tourism rep as NW CT tourism lost funding. CTVisit - perhaps combine? Take ownership of the link to Discover Cornwall?

- Kiosk and pamphlet

- CCS site?

Adjourned, 10:04 am