

Cornwall Economic Development Commission

EDC Special Meeting Minutes

03/30/21 @ 7:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. In attendance was: Janet Carlson (Chair), Priscilla Pavel, Simon Hewitt, Bianca Griggs, Lee Pryor, Kate Ward; Jane Herold, Duncan Webb, as well as guests Rocco Botto and Gary Steinkohl.

Janet Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:30

Motion to approve Minutes from the 2/27/2021 EDC meeting- Priscilla Pavel

Second from Lee Pryor

Minutes approved

Initial Business:

- Cornwall Association's Gary Steinkohl discussed the Barnyard Animal Art project which would involve decorating numerous plywood barnyard animal cut-outs. Gary requested \$400 to assist with two Chronicle inserts related to the art project.
- Motion by Bianca Griggs to financially (\$400) support the Barnyard Animal Project. Seconded by Duncan Webb. The motion unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report

- Janet Carlson discussed the EDC budget request for 2021-2022.

P&Z, Water & Septic

- Priscilla Pavel discussed the grant application for 75% of waste water project funding through the Congressional Appropriations Committee to be submitted to Congresswoman Jahana Hayes.
- Motion by Bianca Griggs to send a letter of support for the Waste Water Project to the Selectmen's office to be included with the grant application. Priscilla Pavel seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

Promoting Cornwall

- Rocco Botto gave a superb update on the Cornwall website.

Housing update

- Update was postponed until a later date.

Promotions

- Janet Carlson discussed the "social media calendar".

Fundraising

- The EDC discussed fundraising efforts and set a goal to raise \$5,000 to assist / promote Cornwall businesses. Lee Pryor volunteered to write a fundraising letter, and Bianca Griggs suggested advertising the fundraising effort in the Cornwall Chronicle.

New Business:

- Jane Herold discussed organizing a Farm Tour in the late summer similar to the successful Pottery Tour from Fall 2020. Jane also suggested inviting chefs to the Farm Tour in an effort to encourage connections between local farmers and restaurants.
- Jane also reported on the National Iron Bank's first-time home buyer program.
- Lee Pryor advocated for an "Idea" agenda item as a regular ongoing monthly section at future EDC meetings.

Bianca Griggs moved to adjourn. Jane Herold seconded and the motion unanimously passed.
Adjourned – 8:14 PM

Next meeting April 27, 2021