**Community Development Committee Minutes**

**July 11, 2018**

Attending:

Bob Peabody, Bob McHatton, Helen Archer, Evan Miller, Margaret Lindsey, Catherine Samuels, Ursula Flaherty

Last week’s minutes ratified and passed.

General Discussion

We spoke last meeting about whether to focus on near term or longer term strategies?

We are to do both, according to the mandate.

Identify and strategize how to tackle each .

Additional info on Chuck’s presentation last week. Depot St. - town invested $400,000, then others invested.

The new owner of the empty lot on Main St. is open to ideas. May have bought other commercial businesses.

The holdup of streetscape is whether the big trucks can pass on Main Street, because of proposed bump outs.

Is there anything that can we can do about the trailer behind Food City? Many comments (during 4 on the 4th) about how bad it looks.

 Appointments

Last night at BOS, new membership tabled due to Fryeburg fire.

We would like the BOS approve the 3 new members, as well as approve who will be BOS liaison to our committee.

Helen will respectfully request that they approve these appointments soon.

Evan will be Communications Liaison, and will present committee report to BOS in the fall. He will also communicate with Carmen directly.

Bob McHatton will be alternate.

Helen proposes that Margaret be the community liaison, to report back what comments are coming from community. Passed.

One of us should be attending Waste Water Committee.

Land Use Comm., we need to check with them to see what issues they are currently taking on, so that we are not  duplicating tasks.

Bridgton Hospital

During the Selectman’s meeting Ursula brought up the question of the current status of the hospital. It is a real and serious problem.

Many providers have left and are leaving.

BOS voted to contact the CEO and approach him about what is happening there, and if it is in danger to close.  Can the hospital survive?

Ursula proposed to be liaison on the hospital stability. Start gathering information about Lewiston and Bridgton management, and are they affecting the service at both practices?

Peter Leighton said he wants to stay and support the communicate.

We need good information in regards to the hospital.

CMMC owns the hospital, includes Lewiston, which has lost some outstanding doctors, and Rumford.

What is Lewiston doing with Bridgton Hosp?

We need to talk and understand. How much is Lewiston driving the economics?

Who manages Stephens Memorial Hospital? They are getting some of our doctors and are getting good feedback from the community.

 Hotel Bridgton

Questions were sent to Justin with a letter and invitation to come to CDC meeting.

Justin replied that he cannot commit to any meeting since he is very busy.

He suggested information that the EDC feasibility study has done could provide answers.

Peter Lowell is concerned with the core samples and shore land zoning may be a problem for the hotel.

Bridgton Comprehensive Plan

We have a 2014 copy of the plan which is in paragraph form.

Discussion on where we are with the plan?

When Carment left, we were about to work on housing.

Ursula is appointed liaison to a housing committee, which includes a consortium of community agencies, a group which is just forming. Discussing affordable housing.

Ursula will report back to us on the progression of the group.

Jana Richards, from Opportunity Alliance, is also in the group.

Next meeting: July 25

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Samuels