

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
DOWNTOWN & BUSINESS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 26, 2011
356 Main Street, Farmington, NH**

Members Present: Ann Titus, JoAnn Dokean Kotsiroplos, Jo and Rich Stanley

Selectmen's Representative: Joan Funk

Public Present: Jim Horgan(EDC representative) and John Titus

At 6:05pm Chairman Rich Stanley called the meeting to order.

- 1. Review of Minutes** – *Ann Titus motioned to accept the minutes of 4/26/11 as amended, 2nd Joan Kotsiroplos. Motion carried with JoAnn Doke abstaining.*
- 2. Ribbon Cuttings** –JoAnn reported that she has two ribbon cuttings scheduled; one for Tidd's Garden on June 1st at 3:30pm and then one for Farmer's Kitchen at 3:45pm. Joan asked if Subway can be included on that date and JoAnn replied that they said they would like to wait a few weeks.
- 3. Update on Signs** – Rich reported that Joan went out with the DPW Director to decide which way the arrows should face on the signs and they are now ready to be ordered. He will be ordering six signs on Tuesday.
- 4. Selectmen Meeting** – Rich reported that he will be attending the June 13th Selectmen meeting in order to ask them what direction they would like the Committee to go in the future as far as projects. Ann asked if the Committee has a mission statement and Rich said no, they have a purpose. Ann suggested the Committee work on a mission statement.
- 5. Economic Development Committee** – Jim Horgan reported that the EDC met and their first order of business is to update the by-laws of the EDC. It is their desire to work with the Downtown Committee. He would like to have budget line separated just so that the funds can be tracked better and both Committees will be sure the funds they are counting on for projects are there when they are needed. Jim also explained that he has organized a computer station for Committees to use for business and would like users to just sign a log sheet so he can track the computer use. Joan reported that she has been talking with the DPW Director and he is planning on taking an aerial photo so that it can be used to start a discussion on what projects can be in done in town and what grants are available for those projects. One of his ideas is to plan a family event that includes the businesses and promotes a sense of community and pride. Lots of ideas were discussed. Jim also suggested giving businesses a certificate recognizing their "welcoming" to town.

- 6. Other Business** – JoAnn suggested having businesses hand out raffle tickets in August to their customers and then choosing winners at Hay Day so that the baskets the Committee already has can be given out.

The next meeting is June 23, 2011.

At 7:44pm, Ann Titus motioned to adjourn, 2nd Joan Funk. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger
Recording Secretary