

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
DOWNTOWN & BUSINESS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 28, 2011
356 Main Street, Farmington, NH**

Members Present: Ann Titus, JoAnn Doke and Rich Stanley

Members Absent: Joan Kotsiroplos

Selectmen's Representative: Joan Funk

At 6:00pmm Chairman Rich Stanley called the meeting to order.

- 1. Review of Minutes** – *Joan Funk motioned to accept the minutes of 5/26/11 as amended, 2nd Ann Titus. Motion carried with all in favor.*
- 2. Committee Recruitment** – Rich asked if anyone knew of someone who might be interested in joining the committee. JoAnn replied that MaryEllen of the 359 Salon might be interested so she would talk to her and her friend Annette. Ann asked if the committee would be interested in joint meetings with the Economic Development Committee. Joan suggested having a separate joint meeting with the EDC, so Ann will invite them to the October meeting.
- 3. Committee Chair** – Rich explained that he has been chair for two years now and questioned if anyone else is interested in the position. Joan said usually the chair appointments change in March after town meeting and asked if Rich would consider remaining as chair until then and he said yes.
- 4. Signage Update** – Joan reported that the signs came in with a few errors so they had to be changed. However it was brought up at a Selectmen's meeting that the lettering is too small and can't be seen from the road. Rich will contact the company to see what suggestions they have to fix the situation.
- 5. Ribbon Cuttings** – JoAnn stated there are no new businesses to schedule cuttings for.
- 6. Fall Activities** – The committee brainstormed some ideas for fall activities to include a \$5 punch card, a letterboxing gathering and a street sale. The Committee still has prize baskets and would like to find a way to use them.

Accepted

7. **Next Years Budget** – Rich questioned if the committee would like to try to have their own separate budget line this year and if so how much would they like to request. Joan will find out how much is currently budgeted.
8. **Other** – It was noted that there are a couple of trees in the Downtown area that are broken and need to be replaced. Ann will talk to Jim Horgan of the Conservation Commission to see if he knows where the town can get trees donated from.

At 6:52pm, Rich Stanley motioned to adjourn, 2nd Ann Titus. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger
Recording Secretary