TOWN OF FARMINGTON DOWNTOWN & BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 27, 2011 356 Main Street, Farmington, NH

Members Present: Ann Titus, JoAnn Doke and Rich Stanley

Members Absent: Joan Kotsiroplos

Selectmen's Representative: Joan Funk

Public Present: Kathy King

At 6:03pm Ann Titus called the meeting to order.

- 1. Review of Minutes Joan Funk motioned to accept the minutes of 9/28/11 as written, 2nd JoAnn Doke. Motion carried with all in favor. Joan asked Ann if Rich reported any information about the signs and the lettering. Ann replied no, she did not hear anything from Rich.
- 2. Next Years Budget Rich drafted a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting a separate DT&B budget line for next year. The members agreed the letter was appropriate and it should be forwarded to the Selectmen. Joan Funk motioned to approve the letter to request a separate budget line, 2nd JoAnn Doke. Motion carried with all in favor. Joan will forward the letter to the Selectmen.
- **3. Ribbon Cuttings** JoAnn reported that she is not aware of any new businesses that need a ribbon cutting.
- **4.** New Activities and Projects Ann said she invited the EDC to attend these meetings every other month and they agreed which is why Kathy King is present for tonight's meeting. The EDC has been trying to approach existing businesses to let them know the town is happy they are here in town and if they are thinking of expanding the Committees would like to help in anyway possible. They are also looking at current businesses outside of town to see how they can entice them to come to town.

It was discussed that there are a lot of artisans in town and it would be nice if there was a co-op store where everyone could get together and sell their wares. It was also discussed having a craft/artisan fair at Fernald Park and have the downtown stores participate in their own way like the music store having bands play. Spring Festival with family events

like egg/spoon races, sack races, craft sales, bands, talent show, cook off, races and more. Or an arts in the park where the kids art work is displayed. Or a photography exhibit.

Ann Titus motioned to not have a Downtown & Business Committee in November and December, 2nd Joan Funk. Motion carried with all in favor.

The Committee will plan to meet with the EDC in December.

At 7:08pm, Ann Titus motioned to adjourn, 2nd JoAnn Doke. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger Recording Secretary