

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON  
JOINT MEETING  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE &  
DOWNTOWN AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, March 27, 2012  
356 Main Street, Farmington, NH**

**Members Present:** Ann Titus, Gail Ellis, Kathy King, Sharon McKenney,  
Sheila Walter and JoAnn Doke

**Members Absent:** Rich Stanley

**Selectmen's Representative:** Jim Horgan and Joan Funk

**At 6:30pm Chairman Jim Horgan called the meeting to order.** The Downtown Business Committee will join the FEDC meeting over the next few months as they share a current vision to revitalize Farmington.

**1. Election of Officers:**

- A.** Kathy King nominated Gail Ellis for Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon McKenney. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B.** Jim Horgan nominated Ann Titus for Vice-Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy King. Motion carried with all in favor.
- C.** Jim Horgan nominated Kathy King for Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Titus. Motion carried with all in favor.

**2. Review of Current FEDC/DTBC activities:**

- A.** Ann reported that the Arts in the Square project is up and going. There is currently art from the schools at the Flower Shop, Studio 359 and Kay's Café. The Laundromat has shown interest in hosting art as well. Ann has plans to change the artwork every 6-8 weeks. JoAnn called the owner of Mro's Variety to see if they would allow some art to be hung up in there and has not received a response yet.

**3. Hay Day Activities:**

So far the letters have gone out to everyone on the business list but so far no one has called to reserve a spot. Brandy said she has three people who are interested in the activity who are not in the business directory and she will have them contact Megan. Ann suggested giving participants 15 tickets to put in a drawing if they walk through the expo. The Downtown Committee has two baskets and a \$100 savings bond to raffle off. The Expo will be from 10 am until 2pm in the Old Town Hall.

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**4. Old Business:**

A. Gail made a draft flyer that could be handed out by the Planning Office to prospective and existing businesses so the EDC can assist them with their endeavors. A few minor changes were suggested and Gail will make those changes and bring a new copy to the next meeting.

B. Gail stated she would like the Planner, Kathy Menici, to create a list of available properties that can be marketed for new businesses to purchase/lease/or rent. Kathy suggested contacting commercial realtors to help with marketing because they can list the properties on their books though we should not enter a contract with anyone to exclusively market. Gail then suggested creating a list of companies that we think would be nice to have in Farmington and then solicit them. Jim asked Sheila if she could provide a list of types of businesses that are low or moderate risk. All members will brainstorm a list of 10 types or names of businesses they think would be a good business for Farmington.

**5. Review of Minutes:**

*A. Jim Horgan motioned to accept the minutes of January 31, 2012, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Titus. Motion carried with all in favor.*

*B. Jim Horgan motioned to accept the minutes of February 28, 2012, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Titus. Motion carried with all in favor.*

**6. Other Business To Come Before the Board:**

A. The Committee discussed whether or not they should pay to use the Rec. on Hay Day for the Expo. It was discussed that nothing will be sold inside the Expo so therefore it would not be unfair to not pay a fee. *Kathy King motioned to have Jim Horgan ask the Selectmen to waive the rental fee for the Town Hall on Hay Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Funk. Motion carried with all in favor.*

B. JoAnn stated that she will have three ribbon cuttings coming up; one for the veterinarian, one for Copolla Physical Therapy and one for The Blue Monkey.

Next meeting is April 10, 2012.

*At 7:58pm, Gail Ellis motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy King. Motion carried with all in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger  
Recording Secretary