

Meeting Minutes
Business Development Commission
February 14, 2018
Hampshire Village Hall

Call to order at 6:35pm

Present: Commissioners Mike Armato, Eileen Fleury and David Pizzolato, Trustee Ryan Krajecki, Village President Jeff Magnussen

Absent: Art Zwemke, Raul Johnston, Mike Gazzola

Meeting minutes from 1/24/18- Michael Armato made a motion to approve the minutes. David Pizzolato Second.

Website still coming in April, Dave Pizzolato working on updating locations and claiming businesses on google for all Hampshire businesses. Dave has started updating locations.

Update on Unfinished Defining Context:

-Mike Armato Route 72-No updates. Ryan made suggestions to find out more info on each of the businesses that are currently running in that area.

-Eileen Fleury-No updates

After we define contexts, we will want to build goals for each area. Updates with the format provided for us are crucial for planning in the future.

Chairman length of Term:

-Chairman term is one year. With no more than 2 consecutive terms. Option for the Chairman term will be 2 year terms with no more than 1 term, or 1 year term with no more than 2 consecutive terms. We are going to move the chairman length of term issue to the agenda for the March meeting.

-Commissioner length of term-Length is currently 3 years, but due to the start of the commissioners being at the same time for this current appointment, the decision was made that current commissioners will be half at 3 year term and half will be 2 year terms. Tabling discussion to next meeting till all commissioners are present to discuss which commissioners will do which terms.

ESRI Reports

-Discussion on using 60140 zip code for reports since it includes Pingree Grove. Discussion on the benefits and negatives. We do not want to misrepresent the volume of population in the area, however want to show prospective businesses the realities of what Hampshire's 60140 population is. It was decided that a group of reports would be requested for 60140 Hampshire only, and then a good number of reports would be generated for 60140 with Hampshire and Pingree Grove.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND

-The fund has been closed out. The Dept. of Commerce and economic development is hoping that the villages will spend the balances in their accounts before it is turned over. The Dept. of Commerce and Econ. Development is giving us the grant options which will have to be presented by December 2020 and completed by December 2022. Projects can be accepted sooner, with an ending date of December 2020. We currently have \$800,000 in the account.

—RESTRICTIONS OF THE GRANT: Traditional RLF criteria will be upheld.

Grants that will be entertained.

1. Slum and Blight-public improvements that can be made are on properties that show physical deterioration, abandonment, declines in property values, environmental contaminations.

2. Meet and current need

-The Commission talked about how to allocate the \$800K. Discussion was the hopes to possibly do a 50/50 split with village and BDC. Suggestions were a facade program for the local businesses. Discussion will continue, in hopes to present a recommendation to the village to use half of the fund for BDC development/improvement. Future talks will take place on moving forward with ideas for the funds to be allocated. The village board will be discussing the RLF issue on 2/15/18. We will come together with Village Board discussions to devise a plan.

Route 72:

-Mike Armato suggested we get the conversations going about Annexing land to be able to develop the land for commercial property. Discussions were that we should develop current annexed areas prior to annexing locations that don't have a current demand.

Discussion to add in a procedure for approval of what businesses we would approve of for the benefit of our community. Recommendations to add to agenda for future discussion. There is a need to develop plans to have business owners held accountable for business procedures that affect the village.

BDC SURVEY

Help develop input from the community as to what they would like to see come into the community. David Pizzolato has created a survey. It was decided to talk at the next meeting on voting on putting the survey out to the community.

A motion was made by Eileen Fleury to table the Marketing The Village Item to next meeting. Second the motion by David Pizzolato.

ACTION ITEMS:

Each Commissioner shall create a list of 5 most important issues to enforce/implement within the next 6 months.

Updates on things going on in the village:

Copper Barrel on State is set to open the end of May

Eileen Fleury Made a motion to adjourn. David Pizzolato second the motion.

Next Meeting March 14th 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm