

Chamber Business Development Meeting  
February 11, 2015

The meeting started at 5:30 PM

Present Trustees: Brust & Ruth

Chamber: Acker, Donahue, Gorkowski, Hansen, Zwemke

Suggestion for attracting tourism to Hampshire were given by Brust and Zwemke. Brust suggested using Rt. 20 as an option offering scenic views, no tolls, cheaper fuel costs, better places to rest and eat and only a couple of miles per hour slower than the Tollway.

Zwemke suggested an attraction 2 sided card listing activities and places to visit in the town as well the area and be distributed to all the merchants, including gas stations in the area for distribution.

Using Mr. Acker's lap-top we examined the population and demographic information on the Village's web-site. The web-site is using information from the 2000 census. We examined 4 different versions and sources of census information and Lynn Acker will chose one that can be easily adopted to our needs.

[quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/17/1732525.htm](http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/17/1732525.htm) 1 seems to be the best candidate.

The listings for the area places of worship is also out dated and incorrect, Brust will work with Acker to get the proper information for the web-listing.

Brust reported that the Rt. 72 property West of Casey's is active with a developer meeting with Heartland bank for the property purchase. Acker is still attempting to get the corporate information for the "Gilbert Brothers" Sears Appliance and Hardware stores for locating in the vacant space in the Burklow strip mall on Rt. 72.

Brust is to contact Crown ( Dan Olsum) to enlist support for the commuter rail extension on the IC&E tracks. Bonnie Hanson and the group from Genoa had a meeting with the Governor's staff, which lasted 2 hours on Feb. 6, 2015 and they demonstrated that using our IC&E tracks could cut the cost from 223 Million Dollars down to a 60 Million Dollar project and get the same results. This will stay as an active issue for the committee.

Meeting ended 7:45 PM

George E. Brust