

CASTLETON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Special Meeting
Thursday, MAY 18, 2023
Castleton Fire Department
and ZOOM**

Meeting Recording:

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Those in attendance included: Mary McIntyre, Ted Molnar, Petrina teRiele, Martha Clifford, Beth Murphy, Zack Holzworth, Michael Jones

Others present by Zoom included: Richard Combs, Bo Elliot Ramos

M. McIntyre called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Approve Agenda

Z. Holzworth made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. T. Molnar seconded. All voted in favor of the agenda. So voted.

Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2023.

P. teRiele made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Z. Holzworth seconded.

Page 1 – Approve Agenda –

Page 1 – first line of Approval of Minutes – *needs leave* should be changed to *needs to leave*.

Page 1 – last line of Bike Extravaganza should read: has been an increase in hits *on the CDERAC Facebook page* as well.

Page 1 – seventh line from the bottom *to OCCUD* should be inserted after *town representative*.

Page 1 – end of the sixth line from the bottom – *to install* should be changed to *to be installed*.

Page 2 – second paragraph – all references to *VTrans* should be changed to *Town Highway*.

Page 2 – first line of Corn Hole paragraph, *M McIntyre* should be *M. McIntyre*.

Town's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (M. Jones)

M. Jones stated here to address the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, which he should have probably been in before now as they are behind on the update of the Plan, it expired last year. M. Jones explained the benefits of this Plan, as well as the financial benefits such as being able to apply for grants. They need to have something to Steffanie Bourque by the 22nd on growth potential, which he doesn't expect at this time this group to meet that deadline but he would like to discuss with them the areas they are focusing on, which is the three village designated centers, the lake, Castleton University and the other outlying areas. M. Jones further explained the Mitigation Plan and the content of it that applies to the Town and the potential growth. Lengthy discussion on the Mitigation Plan as well as the Town Plan and what the potential is for new development in the Town and what the role of the CDERAC would be in the

development of the updated Plans. Also discussed specific areas, such as Castleton Corners, the three village centers and what areas should be focused on and whether there is the need for a paid position within the Town for economic development. The need for water and sewer for future development and the status of the Fire District was also addressed, and the limitations and qualifications that there are on grants that the Town is not eligible for. The major corridors of Route 30 and Route 4A and how much there is left to develop along those corridors was also discussed. Discussion of expansion of the water districts and whether the Town should explore taking over the water districts and if it would be favorable. The development of a task force, with members from various town boards being appointed to it to specifically work on these issues that should be addressed that would improve the development being discussed. M. Jones asked the members to let him know by the second week in June if there are funds they have in their budget that they would like to have the Selectboard encumber for use next year. Discussion on the budget monies left for CDERAC and what will be available for use. It appears there is \$5,922 still in the CDERAC budget for the current year. Discussion on the monies spent to date within the CDERAC budget items.

Selectboard Update (Dick Combs)

Nothing specific to report, has been working on normal housekeeping. M. Jones stated still trying to work things out with the Town of Hubbardton regarding the Castleton Village School. M. McIntyre stated she has spoken to many people that want to start donating to the recreation programs, and she is hearing that the recreation vote was confusing to most voters, and she doesn't know how to fix that. M. Jones stated they need to straighten out the ownership of the building before taking any other action.

Recreation Board Update (Bo Elliott Ramos/Martha Clifford)

B. Ramos stated a number of registrations for summer programs have been opened, and the schedule has shifted some due to change in season and start of summer programs. They are still working on some of the ideas that have been brought forward, and looking to see how much interest there is in them. If a not of interest, they will be put aside for now. A few ideas, a childcare room, a teen lounge and a rec festival of sorts to show what is available and what is going on.

Crystal Beach is moving forward, has been cleaned up and ready to open. Roof is also moving forward, sand has been delivered for beach and volleyball court, picnic tables have been moved out. Grills and docks are next and gardens are being worked on. M. Jones he and Brent will be up there next week to look at trees and get the steps in for the sailing program. Are also going to crack seal the basketball court and parking lot. May also try to get a few pickle ball courts installed.

Bike Extravaganza (Ted Molnar, Dick Combs)

T. Molnar stated he is going to withdraw the project. After a meeting to try to get started, there were not many in attendance and it seems to be more complicated than he thought. Now thinking maybe something for the 4th of July parade for kids on bikes in conjunction with the library. M. McIntyre recalled bike rodeos that used to be done, it was an obstacle course and the kids that participated got free helmets and a t-shirt, might be something to consider.

M. McIntyre stated she overlooked getting the cornhole boards on the agenda and asked if they had been discussed. M. Jones questioned if it was a recreation function or a CDERAC function. M. McIntyre stated it is for several things, leagues and/or tournaments with other towns. She and her husband went to a tournament and the sets used were purchased for \$125 for a complete set, which is a very good deal. M. Jones suggested maybe they consider using the sets at the beach for rent, would help make up for the cost of purchase. Also brief discussion on a kick ball tournament and businesses in town having teams to compete.

Other/New Business

M. McIntyre stated not sure about the welcome bags. They have given out 11 bags, and not one certificate has been redeemed at R&D for the oil change they donated. It was also brought up at the last meeting that maybe knocking on the doors of strangers is uncomfortable with it. Discussion on whether they should be left somewhere for pickup and how difficult it is to determine if the purchase is for residency or if it is an investment property.

Fourth of July parade will be 10:00 on Saturday, July 1, fireworks will be Sunday night from the beach as usual.

8:50 pm Meeting Adjourned

Z. Holzworth made a motion to adjourn. B. Murphy seconded. All voted in favor. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Allison Harvey, Recording Secretary