

Economic Development Commission

Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00

Canterbury Municipal Building

1 Municipal Drive

- I. **Call to Order-** J. Fritzsche called the meeting to order at 7:18
- II. **Roll Call-**
Members Present: J. Fritzsche, J. Miller, S. Donahue
Members Absent: H. Tuttle, E. Swanson
- III. **Public Participation-** None
- IV. **Road Race:** Discussion on helping the Booster Club raise money for business sponsorship for the road race. Commission will notify the local restaurants of the event to help promote business for them after the race. J. Fritzsche made a motion for the Economic Development to give \$200 as a sponsor for the road race. S. Donahue second the motion. Passed unanimously.
- V. **Car show/ Farmers Market-** The agricultural commission is hosting a weekly farmer's market this summer. Dates and themes will be forthcoming. Discussion about combining a car show with this event was suggested to help draw people to both events. The agricultural commission is seeking \$500 for advertising the market. J. Miller made a motion to give the Agricultural up to \$500 towards advertising for the market. J. Fritzsche seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- VI. **Solar Farm-** Two members of the commission attended the public forum on the solar farm project. The commission discussed the impact the project may have on the Rt. 169 vista, and how that may impact the scenic byway. Possible green buffers may need to be installed, but until the project is complete the impact to the vista is unknown.
- VII. **Old Business-** J. Miller and E. Swanson's terms on the board will expire on 3/31/2017. Letters to continue to serve need to be sent to the Board of Selectman for approval.
- VIII. **New Business-** Discussion regarding the need for more trained grant writers in our community was discussed. The town would qualify for many agricultural, art and capital improvement grants that have not been sought after due to limited number of grant writers. S. Donahue made a motion to train a member of the commission in grant writing and to allocate \$995 for a 5 day training program in the fall of 2017. J. Miller seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.
- IX. **Any other appropriate business-** none
- X. **Adjournment-** Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: JSF

