

Minutes of September 13, 2017

Economic and Community Development Committee of Chaplin, Regular meeting

Meeting convened at 6 30pm at the Town Hall.

Called to Order by Irene Schein, Chair

Present members: Irene , Virginia, Paul, Ann, Peggy and Leslie.

Minutes of 8/92017 meeting were read and, Paul Siege made the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Virginia Siege taking minutes for this meeting

The Agenda was discussed including the Festival Update. The Date remains 5/19/2018 from 12-5pm for the Festival. The Town Hall officials have communicated with Irene info that they will help and support the Festival. There is a tent available for the Committee's use. Victoria Northorp is working on a logo design and can be used on T-shirts, etc. She provided a design of Garrison Park and the lay out for the Festival. The details of installing a ' May Pole ' for the event is being investigated by Leslie and the School will be approached to see if they can guide and motivate the students to take on this project..

Publicity committee will be meeting with Irene on September 21, time to be set and place.

Irene encouraged the members to attend the Mansfield Festival this Sunday 9/17 to look for information that would assist our efforts as well at the Co Op festivities on Sept 30. There is another festival on the same day in Hampton.

A tag sale and library book sale is being held this Sat 9/16 from 9-3 and all are encouraged to attend.

Business Outreach: Paul gave a report on attending the August 18th meeting at Eastern University by Joe Courtney regarding available funds given by the Economic and Community Develop.in our State , along other topics. Paul suggested the meeting was politically based but that this Committee would have to present any detailed proposal for funding before they D.E.C. D would give it any consideration.

Paul will continue his research on Senior housing by contacting the Town Managers of Lebanon, Coventry and Canterbury and perhaps Ashford. This will also include Joanna Philbrick?860 455 9209

Music: Ann and Chris no report-- but Ann was invited to call Chris this weekend for additional details

Bicentennial booth: Leslie and the Chaplin Librarian will be heading up this committee

Signage: no update

Crafts: no update

Photography: Paul Siege

Oversight and Budget will be supervised singularly by Irene as of this date.

New Business: Irene, Leslie, Virginia and Peggy attended the breakfast with Catherine Smith, State Commissioner on Sept 12, 2017 in Pomfret. Several contacts were made including an interest in Small Business Express-- offered by the Economic and Comm. Develop of Ct.

Again, the committee revisited the Back Door issue and what the owner can do to improve the site on route 6 and how to motivate him. The Board will think about various restaurants on rt 6 to motivate the owners for additional positive changes. Cottage industries were discussed as an important part of the Town.

Hops Update by Peggy who is in touch with Alex Defrancesco who has knowledge of the Hops and its development and wanted to have Alex do a presentation but this will remain on hold for the moment until we find out who in the Town may be interested in Brewing and achieved more knowledge.

Next meeting will be held on Wed at 6 30 Oct 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 7 45pm

Respectfully submitted:

Virginia Siege

Please come to the next meeting as Irene will be submitting an article on our Board to the Town for their newsletter and Paul will be taking a photo of the members!!