

**Meeting Location:** Wolfeboro Town Hall 84 South Main St. Wolfeboro, NH **Time:** 8:00 AM-9:30 AM Third Tuesday, monthly

**Committee Members:** Lucy Van Cleve (Chair), Barry Elliott (Co-Chair), Carrie Duran, Kathy Fairman, Jeremy Roberge, Liz Baker McClain, Jenn French, Gretchen Gandini, Mary Devries (Alternate), Brian Deshaies (BOS Representative), Linda Murray (BOS Representative alternate)

Non-Present: Carrie Duran, Kathy Fairman, Liz Baker McCain.

The Mission of the Wolfeboro Economic Development Committee is to identify opportunities to enhance the economic growth and opportunity of the Wolfeboro community and to encourage actions to achieve economic health while balancing the town's environment, character and culture.

The EDC was established and appointed by the Board of Selectmen in 1992 and serves in an advisory role as a bridge between the public and private sectors.

#### Call to order – Meeting Begins (Lucy)

Consideration of minutes from January 2023
 Meeting began at 8:05 AM. A motion to approve January minutes was put forward. Barry Elliott motioned to accept. Second by Jenn French. All in favor. No discussion.

#### Updates (Barry/ Lucy)

• Feedback -

Not Enough Housing Need More Events Staffing Shortage More Parking/Parking Enforcement Better Communication/Social Media

More to Do in Evening Improved Lighting Downtown Business Cooperation Hours/Parking Grumpy/Impatient Customers Increasing Cost of Wages Zoning Limitations

- Other discussion items Summer 2023 Event Laser show/ Mount event. Sponsors? (NHD)
- Town of Wolfeboro Fire and Ice Festival? Winter 2024 Linda Cate Park?
- Last Night Wolfeboro committee sign up who can help?
- Letter to attendees of Recap! Committee review. Hand deliver
- Business Flyer for Business and Economic Affairs (BEA)

Team discussed feedback from our October event. Lucy Van Cleve wrote a letter to the attendees of this event detailing what the EDC can do to assist. We want to stay focused on our mission statement and be a liaison between the town businesses and town planning, BOS and zoning. Mention EDC support of housing needs, and point people in the right direction for the proposed warrant articles, but be careful not to take a position as a committee in support of or not. Let people make their own decisions.

Lucy and Brian to develop a sponsorship letter for Mount Washington Event to help get some funds.

March 11 will bring the inaugural "Chill on the Hill" event at O Bistro coordinated by Lisa Beverage and Inn on Main. Very excited about this addition to town!

Cate Park may be used for any event, any time of the year.

EDC Committee will make face to face visits to community in next several months. We plan to section off town and assign to people or groups.

Mentioned, read and showed the BEA Brown bag luncheon event.

## **Other Business**– *Need Motion* (Lucy)

- 2023 Advertising?? Events piece to put on Wolfeboro Community Page (Carrie D.)? Thinking about joining some surrounding town Chambers of commerce. Lucy to get pricing info.
- To enter Community Events: <a href="https://www.wolfeborochamber.com/submit-your-event">https://www.wolfeborochamber.com/submit-your-event</a>
  This is the link to submit Wolfeboro Community Events. There are 3 calendars for the town of Wolfeboro:
  Wolfeboro Chamber calendar for chamber members exclusively. The town of Wolfeboro map on
  WolfeboroNH.us for town meetings and the Wolfeboro Community Events Calendar for all Wolfeboro
  Businesses. This calendar is printed quarterly and updated often. We would like to have either a link or QR
  Code in several places to include but not limited to the Chamber of commerce calendar & town of Wolfeboro
  calendar. EDC pays \$6,000 towards this calendar. Chamber and town will work together to publish this.
- Committee members Town Website says we need the following: Economic Development Committee Two (2) Members for two (2) years; One (1) Member for three (3) years; One (1) Alternate Member for three (3) years We are becoming the coolest and most fun committee – tell your friends and lets fill these positions!!

A full board is 8 members all with 3 year commitments and as many alternates as needed. We have a full board with 1 alternate and 2 BOS reps.

• Dave Maher withdraw from committee. Vote to accept Send Amy email with Dave's resignation for selectmen to vote on. (Done)

## Town Planner Update (Tavis)

- Planning board has housing proposals with the goa of increasing housing with out increasing density. See wolfeboronh.us web site for specific
- Solar regulations are coming.

## Board of Selectman Update (Linda/ Brian)

- Hockers and Pedalrs spot 4 is open. Not a popular spot seems to open each years.
- Pop Whalen posted free skate time times and price: \$40 youth, \$50 Adults. There are also opportunities to host your event at PopWhalen. Contact parks and rec department for more information.
- Town is working on Hazardous materials plan.
- Looking at possible alternate venues for Pickle Ball Courts. Doing environmental study to see of Pop Whalen can hold it.
- Public Forum for changes on Route 28. Traffic circle at pickering corner? Smaller than Route 28 in Ossipee. Would affect area.

# Chamber Update (Mary)

March 11 Chill on the Hill event at Inn on Main and O Bistro Upcoming Meetings, Events

• Next meeting: March 21, 2023 - 8 am Wolfeboro Town Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month)

#### **Other Business/ Adjourn** - Need Motion

Motion to Adjourn: Lucy Van Cleve, Accept: Jenn French, Second: Barry Elliott