Draft of Economic Resource Committee Minutes October 17, 2017

Present: Ethan Bogar, Curtis Hunter, Earnest Levesque, Deb Shelby, Sue Sinnamon and guest Ed Sinnamon

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

Review of Minutes from last meeting: A motion was made by Deb and seconded by Curtis to accept the September 5, 2017 minutes as written. All were in favor.

2017 Bolton Community Fair Review: Deb reported that the Vendor Surveys were with one exception very positive. She estimated that about 200 people came through the door. The money from the raffles was given to the town and was dispersed last week.

There was further discussion from the Committee Members. All felt it was very successful. One suggestion that was made was that we should advertise sooner. Another was that perhaps we should consider changing the date of the event so that we have held it on for the past two years has been a busy one with many other events going on in the community at the same time. A suggestion was made to hold it either the week before Columbus Day Weekend or the weekend after. Another suggestion was that we needed to have more signage before the event. It was decided to revisit all these suggestions next year.

Since we never got a picture of the committee in their t-shirts it was decided to take one next meeting.

Deb asked the committee if they felt we should ask the town to put money in their budget for the ERC committee. There was much discussion pro and con. The committee finally agreed that they would not ask the town taxpayers for any money but neither should they themselves spend their own money as they had done for the past two years. It was agreed that we should more actively solicit donations from community businesses. It was also agreed that no one should spend any money without an affirmative vote from the committee members.

Election of new chair: Deb made a motion and Curtis seconded it to have Ethan step up as our new chair of the committee. All were in favor. Sue will remain as secretary.

Bolton Valley Winter Festivals: They will be held 12/10, 12/17, 1/14, 1/28, 2/18, 3/11 and 3/25. Deb has sent an email to our 50+ vendors with the information so that they can participate if they desire. Ethan noted that if anyone is interested in helping out to please contact him.

Winter Meeting Schedule: A motion was made by Deb and seconded by Sue for the committee to take a break and not meet in November and December. All were in favor.

Deb discussed the "Open Meeting Law" with the committee members. As it pertains to our committee, we are not allowed to "reply all" to emails and agendas must be posted before a meeting and draft minutes posted within a week of the meeting. Deb also noted that emails pertaining to the committee are considered public property.

A motion was made by Deb and seconded by Curtis to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. All were in favor

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Date: 2/20/18