February 2023 Monthly News Letter

Economic Development: The EDC met February 7th. Matt Taylor, Senior Planner at Central NH Regional Planning Commission, held a presentation on Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts. A TIF District will allow for funding of improvements that could not be funded otherwise. The date of the Fall Festival has been set for October 14th from 1-4 p.m. at Avaloch Farm Music Institute (AFMI). AFMI will provide musical entertainment for the event.

Planning Board: The Planning Board met February 7th. The Board held a continuation of a Public Hearing for an application for a 4-lot Major Subdivision located at 477 High Street. The application was approved by a unanimous vote. The Board held a Public Hearing for modifications to Earth Excavation Permit #PB01212020-1 located at 267 Queen Street. Phase 3 of the 9-part Phasing Plan was completed, and the 4th Phase will begin in the spring. The modifications were accepted by a unanimous vote. The Board held a Public Hearing for a Minor Site Plan for a Boarding, Rooming, and Lodging House, located at 109 High Street. The application was approved by a unanimous vote.

Energy Committee: The Energy Committee last met January 17th. The next meeting will be March 28th.

<u>Agricultural Commission:</u> The Agricultural Commission last met February 14th. AgComm will be hosting a Draft Horse Event during Old Home Day week. The event will take place on Sunday, August 20th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mr. Roger Sanborn's farm. This event would include a plowing contest, harrowing, time for parents and children to drive the horses, etc.

<u>Conservation Commission:</u> The Conservation Commission last met February 21st. A proposal was discussed to hold an evening informational session for forest and farm landowners in town that own over 10 acres. This session would potentially include representatives from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, NH Timberland Owners Association, 5 Rivers and NH Conservation Association.

<u>Old Home Day Committee:</u> The OHDC last met February 22nd. Vertical Entertainment was recommended to the Select Board as an entertainment option for Old Home Day. The company has a liability insurance contract that will need to be reviewed by the town lawyers. Several food truck vendors have been contacted and the Committee is awaiting responses. A Bingo Night was also proposed.

<u>Beautification Committee:</u> The Beautification Committee last met January 10th. The next meeting is TBD.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: The ZBA last met December 27th. The February meeting was canceled due to no appeals.

Fire Department Advisory Committee: This is a new Committee seeking membership.

Police Advisory Board: The PAC last met October 18th. The next meeting is March 21st.

Planning Board TRC: The TRC last met August 23rd.

Hazard Mitigation: The HMC last met December 20th. The next meeting is TBD.

<u>Joint Loss Mitigation</u>: The JLMC met February 14th. The Committee discussed issues that have been fixed within the different departments and buildings. The Fire Chief and the Facilities Director listed off other areas of concerns to add to the Action Item List.

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