

## **Economic Development Committee Update**

### **June, 2019**

1. The Downtown Development District (DDD) application was submitted by the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The plan was pulled together by Rick Ferrell, Jason Loab, Jesse Savage and Richard Grinnell. The initial district boundary of 83 acres included portions of Market Street, Main Street and the Adam's farm bordered by Redden Road and Hwy 13. This area fit within the acreage guideline limits and the contiguous land requirements within the state application and supported a broad range of key projects listed in the application. The key projects listed were:
  - Expansion of Senior Center;
  - 100 block of Market Street façade improvement and under-utilized space;
  - Redevelopment of Pioneer Antiques;
  - North Main and Church Street residential redevelopment;
  - Re-development of Church Mouse;
  - Re-use of the old Police Station
  - Remodel/Reinvestment of Market Street Apartments;
  - Adams Farm Development;The state has scheduled a meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> in Dover where all DDD applications will be given to the review committee. Each town is allotted 5 minutes of presentation time with a short Q&A after, at which point the Office of State Planning will present their comments to the review committee.
2. The rocking chairs painting contest voting was completed with an announcement at the Library where the chairs had been displayed. There were 90+ votes and one of the chairs from the Middle School art class won with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> won by the High School art groups. The chairs will be displayed at the June 28<sup>th</sup> Fabulous First Friday events.
3. One of the new town entry signs has been installed and the other delayed due to the ground being too wet. Waiting on DelDot to fix the median where the sign will be placed.
4. Continuing to work with CGI Communications to create the first draft of the town's online video. The draft will be reviewed and modified where necessary. Currently, the goal is to have the film crew here for the June Fabulous Fourth Friday to film some segments of the video.
5. Planning for this year's Fabulous Fourth Friday's is continuing.

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6. At the last meeting of the EDC, per the new by-laws, the terms and positions were determined with the and the outcome is listed in the table below.

<b>Economic Development Committee Members</b>			
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Expires</b>
1	Aliceanne Zaras	3	6/30/2022
2	Donna Moore	1	6/30/2020
3	Jim Speegle	3	6/30/2022
4	Sue Grenier	3	6/30/2022
5	Deborah Brown	1	6/30/2020
6	Richard Grinnell	3	6/30/2022
7	Harris Mager	2	6/30/2021
8	Jane Houtman	2	6/30/2021
9	Suzanne Farris	1	6/30/2020
10	Bob Lewis	2	6/30/2021
11	Open	2	6/30/2021
Ex-Officio	Lawrence Tassone (Commissioner District 2)	N/A	Appointed by Commission

Richard Grinnell  
Chairperson, Economic Development Committee