

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting on December 13, 2022
(This meeting was correctly posted)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 11/14/22
5. Public Input
6. DCEDC update
7. Broadband Update
8. Attainable Housing
9. Correspondence
10. Future meeting
11. Adjourn

Chair John Lowry called the meeting to order at 6:17pm. Committee members Alan Kroll, and Andrew Gantman were present along with Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell. Committee members David Studebaker and Chuck Scheckel were excused.

Kroll moved, Lowry second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 3-0.

Gantman moved, Lowry second to approve the 11/14/22 minutes as amended. Carried 3-0.

Public – None.

DCEDC Update – Lowry noted Michele Lawrie has preliminary developers interested in the Val-A property, DCEDC is planning Door-Kewaunee Days in April, the DCEDC strategic plan has been approved, and they're hosting an open house this week.

Broadband Update – Lowry stated Washington Island has paid the make-ready costs as part of their portion of the project. Bell noted the Town attorneys are drafting the Town-wide agreement.

Attainable Housing – Kroll noted Cleary would allow people to build a large shell for their home and increase the livable space within as they are able. Kroll did not receive an answer on the scalability of the Housing Partnership, funding may not be established for building on the lots they currently have. He noted there is an Affordable Dwelling Unit program which involves deeds of dedication for the land and allows fair market sales to occur after a set time. If an early sale occurs, the proceeds are split between the seller and the organization to assist with future units. Gantman noted that funding is still an issue with Cleary Buildings and allowing fair market sales eliminates the permanently affordability concept. It was the consensus to define what we have and what can be done with it. Bell was directed to contact Bay Lake Regional Planning, local bank commercial lending departments, and Wisconsin Towns Association for information on grants, feasibility study RFPs, and potential developers.

Correspondence – None.

The next meetings will be Tuesday, January 10, 2023 and February 14, 2023 at 6:15 pm.

Gantman moved, Kroll second to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 1/10/2023 Economic Development Committee meeting