

TOWN OF LIBERTY GROVE PUBLIC MEETINGS

Economic Development Committee

Date: December 13, 2022

Time: 6:15 PM

Place: Town Hall, 11161 Old Stage Road

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

*** Report items will not be discussed or voted on, all other agenda items may include discussion and possible action. Deviation from listed order may occur***

***Audience members must ask for permission, during public input, to speak on agenda items ***

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

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Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting on November 14, 2022
(This meeting was correctly posted)

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Chair John Lowry called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. Committee members Dave Studebaker, Chuck Scheckel, and Alan Kroll were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell, and 2 members of the public. Committee member Andrew Gantman was excused.

Studebaker moved, Kroll second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 4-0.

Scheckel moved, Studebaker second to approve the 10/11/2022 minutes as presented. Carried 4-0.

Public – None.

DCEDC Update – Michele Lawrie, DCEDC Director, reported they are finalizing their three-year plan and creating a public policy committee or housing and the Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days will focus on workforce.

Broadband Update – Studebaker reported the Pilot Project drops started today, the engineering contract is on the agenda for tomorrow's board meeting, and Tech has requested letters be sent to the remaining Pilot Project residences to encourage service sign-up.

Attainable Housing – Joe Langton, Green Magic Homes, noted that the cost of infrastructure installation is not affected by the style of the home and while some utility items may cost more upfront, the long-term savings will need to be realized. He noted that it will be important to find people in the local trades to assist with the building process as many contractors have been unwilling to bid his project because it seems out of the ordinary. He has also found that banks are hesitant to provide mortgages if the party does not own the land, and these are a new style, so they are unable to find comparable values. The shells are currently shipped from Mexico and are installed using common construction methods and they can be built on a floating slab. Green Magic Homes currently has single-story buildings with the Terranova and Royal being the best options at this time. The tunnel homes are the least expensive and there may be other opportunities with the agri-tunnels. Kroll noted Stanley Martin has lending programs in Virginia that may not require the land to be owned. Langton noted the contractor can determine the cost to build with individual water and wastewater systems, but these systems would need to be determined by a developer if they're shared. The number and allowance of duplexes will need to be confirmed with the zoning administrator. Scheckel noted the Committee will need conceptual plans and budgetary numbers to create a presentation for when they approach the Town Electors.

Correspondence – None.

The next meetings will be Tuesday, December 13, 2022, and January 10, 2023 at 6:15 pm.

Lowry moved, Studebaker second to adjourn at 8:44 pm. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer