

Whitingham Economic Development Group **Minutes of Thursday, July 25, 2019**

Present: Jenepher Burnell, Gretchen Havreluk, Seth Boyd
Visitors: Tyler Colford, Pastor Doug LaPlante

Gretchen called the meeting to order at 6:05

A motion was made by Jen seconded by Gretchen to approve the minutes of 6/27/2019

Discussion about Blueberry Festival activities in Jacksonville on August 2:

Tyler will ask Jessie Boyd about a trailer to use as a stage for Jacksonville Blues Band. It will be located in the upper corner of the Eames Park parking area pointed to the store. It should be in place for 2:00PM on Friday. Power for the band will come from Jen's house.

Gretchen will contact Dave Briggs and Dean re: use of their lot for the car show.

Tyler reported on behalf of Christine – on the vendors that plan to attend. He reported 15 vendors so far!

All is in order with the church supper. Pastor Doug was concerned about parking. It was suggested that "blueberry festival parking" signs be placed near the church and the municipal center. The church has a few cones that they will put out. Can we get more from the town to help keep traffic slowed?

The church needs volunteers to set up.

Gretchen will check with Janet Boyd to see if all events are on the website.

Jen was concerned that there will not be many car show participants.

Gretchen reminded the committee of the VT Community Leadership Summit on August 12. She plans to attend. Seth and Jenepher have conflicts and cannot attend. Gretchen will report back on the highlights.

Gretchen will have local VAST map sent to Gig to add to the website.

Gretchen sent new resident welcome cards to the printer to get ideas on formatting – Jen knows of another printer that she suggests we try as well.

Pastor Doug said he suggested to Gig to add some information on the churches to help with some recent confusion on church service times.

Jen showed a sample map for the new kiosk at the municipal center – the committee approved the map as is.

WEDG will hold a Strategic Planning Session on August 7th at 7:30AM at the Municipal Center.

Seth will ask Gig if there is an easel and markers that we can use.

Seth mentioned there is an informal group meeting as “friends of the Jacksonville store” and they are creating a survey and would like to link it to the Whitingham website.

Jen made a motion to adjourn at 6:51PM seconded by Seth, all in favor.