

## **Economic Development Update**

February 4, 2014

### **Telecommunications**

I have contacted the attorney handling the AT&T Cell Tower installation on Dover Hill Road to inquire about a date for service. I have not heard anything at this time.

### **Website**

The Snelling Center for Government is developing website templates that they will give as part of a grant situation. Several towns have participating including Wilmington. It contains a search feature which we do not have, but it is not a low level search. As such, it does not search embedded documents. In that we are dealing with the town website, I would suggest that the soon to be hired town administrator be part of the discussion.

### **Trails**

Roger Dickinson of Lamoureux & Dickinson has been delayed in finalizing the preliminary plans for Trail A and has not as yet sent them to Vtrans for approval causing an additional 1 month delay. He now projects a new date of February 7 to submit plans to Vtrans. This is in direct contradiction to a date he told us when we met with Vtrans and Roger on December 30. At that time he indicated that the plans would be submitted by January 3, 2014. We have a conference call scheduled for either February 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss this and other issues. It is imperative that Roger give us accurate dates that can be adhered to. This action on his part is unacceptable and that message will be made clear in that conference call.

### **Beautification**

We have not received any responses to the barrel RFP, but expect to have some by the week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Marketing**

We have been in contact with the state to get directional signs to Dover at the following locations:

- Routes 9 and 100 in Wilmington
- Routes 100 and 30 in Wardsboro
- Route 30 and Williamsville Road
- Route 30 and Grimes Hill Road

The town of Newfane has been contacted for signs at:

- Intersection of Dover Road, Grimes Hill Road and Depot Road
- Intersection of Auger Hole Road and Dover Hill Road

We now have 9 applicants for the DASP program totaling \$11,424 of the \$24,000 allocated. This amounts to 47.6%. To date we have paid \$4,021.30. I continue to encourage businesses to apply for the funds, but with few takers.

The DO-IT program is unchanged from last month. We still have 10 of the 14 businesses for the 2013/2014 program that have already finished their projects and received the rebates. This totals \$23,848 of the \$32,500 allocated for the 2013/2014 fiscal year, or 73.4%. The remainder of the businesses will have until June 30, 2014 to complete their projects. It is anticipated that the remainder of the businesses will complete their projects after the winter.

Economic Development will contribute to the valley branding effort initiated by the Chamber by joining the oversight committee.

### Events

For the FY 2013/2014 we have committed \$34,382.35 against a budget of \$39,000, leaving a remaining total of \$4,617.55. That results in commitments of 88.16% of the events budget for FY '13 – '14. To date we have still not received the final Summary Report for last year's Mothers' For Daughters event. This report is supposed to be submitted within 90 days of the event to obtain the final 25%. That was August 19, 2013. They have repeatedly indicated that the report was sent, but to date we never received it. In that it is 6 months late, I'm still recommending that the funds be forfeited unless an acceptable explanation can be offered. I sent another email requesting the information and why it is so late but have not heard anything. In addition, I fully expect to get an application for the 2014 Mothers' For Daughters event. Last year they requested and received \$7,500.

We have 2 new event applications were submitted totaling \$22,500. Both events will have their 75% funding in the current fiscal year. They include Blueberry Festival for \$10,000 and Fiddleheads for \$12,500. These will be discussed at the next meeting. In addition, I also received a combination Living History Timeline and Dover Historical Society application totaling \$6,500 as follows:

	2013	2014
Living History Timeline	\$1000	\$2,500
Dover Historical Society	\$2,000	\$4,000

The application has not been accepted until we receive the summery report from the Historical Society. We will then evaluate the application and with the substantial price increases verses the need for increased funding.

**Venue**

Nothing new to report.

**Bi-Town**

Nothing new to report.

**Revenue**

Nothing new to report.

**Financial**

Full statements are included under separate cover.