

Economic Development Update

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Telecommunications

Wi Fi Hotspots

We have received proposals from both Up and Running Computer and The Iserv Company, Inc. to replace the Anaptyx repeaters and add sufficient access points for the remainder of the 1 mile proposed wireless zone. Both vendors proposed 9 access points within the zone. Justin McCoart from Up and Running Computer was able to secure 1 complete access point setup that includes the repeater, antennas, POE connector and a 5 year license from the VDEP grant he is working on. In addition he is giving us a 10% discount on the remainder of the equipment. This brings each access point setup to \$1212.30. The total for the remaining 8 is \$9698.40. Justin charges \$75 per hour for consulting, installation and support. He estimates approximately 54 hours or \$4050. That yields a project total of \$13,748.40. The Selectboard has already approved \$14,000 for the wireless zone, but we have \$13,292.75 remaining. If in fact Justin's estimate on consulting is correct, we would be short approximately \$500. We will keep the board informed on consulting costs and utilize Economic Development personnel wherever possible.

Website

Nothing new to report.

Trails

There is a grant available to perform a feasibility study for the Route 100 B+ portion of the trail. The approximate value of the study is \$30,000. If we get and use the grant funds, we must go to construction or repay the money. There is also a construction grant that will be available in the fall. I attended the requisite training session and since it involves Federal funds, the reporting requirements for completion of construction could take up to 4 years.

Vtrans is replacing the bridge over the Blue Brook section of the Deerfield River. We will try to get a pedestrian walkway included which would eliminate the need for a bridge over that waterway.

Beautification

We will replace the 2 missing banners in East Dover and add 8 additional along Route 100

Marketing

All DASP invoices have been submitted for FY '12 – '13. We had \$7943.97 of funding remaining for the fiscal year just ended. This is approximately 33% of the original \$24,000.

We had 4 applicants for the FY '13 – '14 DASP program during the first month totaling \$3,656 or 15% of the total appropriation.

We have still received only 1 invoice from the Do-It program for a new fence at the Kitzhof Inn.

Events

For the FY 2012/2013, we have spent \$47,258 against a budget of \$66,000, leaving a remaining total of \$18,742. That results in utilizing 71.6% of the events budget for FY '12 – '13.

For the FY 2013/2014 we have committed \$19,812 against a budget of \$39,000, leaving a remaining total of \$19,188. That results in commitments of 50.8% of the events budget for FY '13 – '14.

The Adventure Challenge statistics, to date are as follows:

Participants: 486

Room Nights Sold: 396

Direct Room Revenue: \$23,760

The Independent Film Festival statistics, to date are as follows:

Films received: 106

Films sold: 16

Venue

We have chosen vendors for some of the park components. Among them are:

- Well contractor (Pipewrench)
- Concrete supplier (B&B Forms)
- Gazebo manufacturer (Amish Country Gazebos)
- Fence contractor (Wayside Fence)
- Street Lights (Visible Light, Inc)
- Playground (Bears)
- Electrician (The Electric Man)
- Benches (Hayneedle)
- Shed (Home Depot)

The conduit for the electric has been installed and the drainage areas for the shed, gazebo, and playground have been installed. We are still discussing the sign.

The total estimated costs for the project are \$129,938. To date we have spent \$30,319

Future committee meetings will be ad hoc as situations occur.

Bi-Town

Nothing new to report.

Revenue

Nothing new to report.

Financial

Full statements are included under separate cover.