

Economic Development Board Meeting  
August 24, 2009 7:00 pm

In attendance  
Sheila Thompson  
Bob McReavy  
Carrie Fellows  
Roberta Thompson  
Tom Goulette

Purpose: To submit ideas for our next project

Sheila submitted several good ideas and suggests completion of a one – they are:

1. Get the base of the bell donated by the United Methodist Church built and place the bell in its permanent home. Since there is concern for the bell being stolen it is suggested by Sheila that we evaluate a base similar to one in place at University of Maine at Orono at the Buchanan Alumni House. It's is made of granite. Carrie went to photograph the bell and take measurements of the base on September 16th. Although the bell had recently been moved the base was still in place so measurements and photos were taken.

2. Restoration/Maintenance of the sheep tower at True Textiles. Tom will approach True Textiles to see if they have plans in place to maintain the tower. If they do not, will they allow the town access to the tower to determine what work is needed? Assuming the tower only needs basic maintenance such as cleaning, painting etc we would offer to have the work done.

3. LMI Housing Grant 2010. Tom to advise Ron Harriman to prepare a letter of intent to file a LMI grant application for 2010. Tom – please let us know when we should meet to review last year's application and set a timeline for various duties for this year's application.

4. Lilac Fundraiser Jan - Feb 2010. Carrie will contact Mary Betts and get forms together to once again hold a lilac fundraiser to plant in spring/summer 2010. Tom will also investigate light pole flag holders at the MMA convention in October that would hold Chickadee flags.

5. Economic Development – There is the feeling that Guilford should have a dentist, lawyer, or other professional services. Tom suggests that we have a professional services study done. This is accomplished by a company that will do a survey to local citizens to find out what services they would consider using if it were located in Guilford. Bob also adds that they may come up with an idea we haven't thought of. This information could be incorporated into a larger downtown development project.

6. Empty corner lot development. There is a suggestion to landscape the empty lots on the corner of Water St and North Maine. This project is not one we'll pursue in favor of the previous 5. If we move forward with #5 these lots could be used in development so we'll wait to see what comes of that.

7. Repower lights on bridge. Tom will contact DOT to see what can be done about making the lights on the bridge operational.

Our next meeting will be set after Tom has had a chance to follow up with True Textiles, Ron Harriman, professional services study, and DOT.

Carrie Fellows  
September 17, 2009