

Saranac Lake Local Development Corporation

October 20th, 2020 5:30p.m.

Via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Patrick Murphy, Matt Scollin, Andrew Milne, Stephanie Mikesell, Chessie Monks-Kelly, Tom Catillaz

Minutes of 10/6/20 meeting

-Mikesell moved to approve minutes, Monks-Kelly seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report

-Murphy reported that the SLLDC has \$4,996.19 in general operations bank account, minus an outstanding D&O Insurance check for \$1,381.

-There is a total of \$9,510 cash available in the Saranac Lake Revitalization Fund Acct, with only \$6,200 of that available for disbursement left for the mini grants.

Covid-19 Reopening Mini-Grants

-The board needs to approve mini-grant payout vouchers for the following businesses:

-Waterhole Check #1017 - \$300

-Saranac Lake Free Library Check #1018- \$300

-Inner Quest Yoga Check #1019 - \$300

-Scollin motioned, Mikesell seconded. All in favor.

New Board Members

-Murphy asked the board to think about possible new members for the LDC. We should especially consider what skill sets might be helpful to have in new board members, such as lawyers, real estate, etc.

Outreach for mini-grants

-Scollin will contact Amy Scattergood at the Adirondack Daily Enterprise to see about doing an article about the mini-grants in order to reach new applicants.

-Contrary to what was discussed at the last meeting, we will keep the amount at \$300 for now and revisit raising the amount in the future depending on the response.

New Projects

-Milne shared that Essex County will have money available for nonprofits and government entities from the occupancy tax. Members of the board should think about what kinds of projects we might want to look at, possible partners with the village, etc. The project has to be within Essex County, though. Priority is given to matching or leveraging of other funding sources.

-Milne will talk to Jamie Konkoski at SL Village about possible projects. We will invite Jamie to possibly come to a future meeting to talk about projects

-Mikesell has been comparing the zombie property list to newly listed properties and will share that soon. Has also been unsuccessful so far in finding concrete examples of communities incentivizing houses staying in the housing market rather than AirBnB. She will share more soon.

-Milne asked for a status update on the housing toolkit we were working on with the Housing Task Force. It has not been completed. Village is working on a draft affordable housing plan currently as well, this will have an impact on that toolkit.

Next LDC Meeting Scheduled

-Tuesday, November 17, 5:30PM.

Adjournment

-Murphy moved to adjourn, Scollin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:27PM.