Community Development Committee
Minutes from meeting: 11 June 2015
Location: WRC Conference Room

Community Development Committee present: Norm Wright (chair), Katie Buckley, Greg Brown, Edie Mas, Roger Turner, Jenepher Burnell, Andy Gluss, Lynn Barrett, Jodi Clark
Guests present: Cor Trowbridge, BCTV
Staff present: Susan McMahon

Called to order 4:35 pm

1. **Introductions/Minutes Approval**
   The minutes of 21 May 2015 were approved.

2. **Brattleboro Community TV – Informal Interview**
   Every six years, BCTV goes through a contract renewal process with cable providers Comcast and Southern VT Cable, which provide 90% of their funding through local cable subscriber fees. Cor Trowbridge, BCTV Executive Director, explained to the Committee that critical part of this process is asking for feedback from community leaders about what BCTV does well and what more they could do to meet the community’s needs as a public access television station. Committee members were also asked to take a short survey, which also could be done online prior to the meeting.

   The following were some of the comments of the Committee:
   - Would like to BCTV to be searchable by the cable guide
   - Would like to see BCTV partner up with other community access stations in the region to share regional programming
   - Suggest that BCTV go to Selectboards and Schoolboards to seek funding for programming.
   - Perhaps internet service providers can also provide funding since numerous towns in our region do not have cable and access community access through the internet

3. **Regional Housing**
   S. McMahon reviewed the handout that summarized housing issues in the region. E. Mas felt that the Vermont Housing Needs Assessment had holes in the MLS information for Marlboro. G. Brown discussed that we need to have a more comprehensive discussion with regional realtors. A. Gluss asked if other regional planning commissions have done a survey on this issue. J. Clark suggested that we contact human resource directors to see how housing has impacted their hiring. E. Mas suggested that we do the same thing with colleges and school systems. K. Buckley suggested that we have a further discussion with the consultant that did WWHT needs assessment and would send John Ryan’s contact information.

   G. Brown and S. McMahon agreed to meet to figure out the appropriate next step.
4. **Update and Announcements in Topic Areas**
   - Brownfields
   - Housing
   - Cultural and Historic
   - Infrastructure
   - Recreation
   - **Economic/Community Development** – J. Clark updated the committee that the CEDS outreach was successful and had meeting in Londonderry, Wilmington, Bellows Falls and Brattleboro
   - Education
   - Human Services

5. **Other Business/Next Meeting**
   No meeting in July.

   Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.