

12,10,25, Town of Otis Revitalization Committee Meeting Minutes
Otis Town Hall
December 10th, 6:30 PM
IN PERSON ONLY

1. Stacey called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM (an unplanned fast - developing snowstorm made travel exceedingly difficult and affected attendance.)

Members present: Celeste, Stacey, Tim, and Susan

Guests: Cathy Bezoco, Mike Tame

2. Open Forum – Public Comment

- Knox trail, and Otis Ridge were acknowledged for tasty food, service and sponsoring many community events. Cathy B. will begin to share notices with the OWL listserv as many residents have been unaware of the events that have been happening.
- There were questions, discussion and information sharing about downtown revitalization. Stacey explained that the technical assistance grant would evaluate, research and recommend actions regarding the properties identified by the selectboard, revitalization and planning boards. A walking tour to view these properties will be scheduled.
- Banking in town was identified as a priority but solving this problem will be complex.
- Local businesses were praised for all the good they bring to the community. The difficulties of running and maintaining a business in a rural area with a seasonal population were discussed. The topic of supporting local businesses ensued. Lyn is open to inviting businesses to list on the Town of Otis Website when they apply to the town for a business license. Susan suggested that social media was discussed as a vehicle for advertising businesses and complimented Otis Ridge, Knox Trail, Papa's, and Paige's for taking advantage of this medium.

3. October and November Minutes were revised. Approval was tabled until the next meeting as there were not enough members present to constitute a quorum.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ebitz, TOR Secretary

