

Village of Balsam Lake
Smart Growth Committee
Monday April 14, 2014 11:00 am – 12:45 pm

Meeting called to order by Jeff Reed.

Members present: Jeff Reed, Caroline Rediske, Chris Sondrol.

Volunteer members present: Chris Nelson, Karen Aubin, Steve Williams, Steve Healy

Eric Anderson WCWRPC presented a proposal and details of service that will be provided pertaining to a redevelopment and place making plan for Main Street Balsam Lake. The proposals will be reviewed by committee members and trustees. Chris Nelson recommends approving the redevelopment plan and place making presented by Eric Anderson WCWRPC.

Business Inventory Review: A spreadsheet detailing the businesses and how many employees each business employs was presented to the committee from Chris Nelson. The business inventory includes: 32 main street businesses, 4 government buildings, 18 off premise businesses, and 1 industrial business. The number of employees employed (full time and part time) is over 800. The packet also includes a picture of each of the businesses. The spreadsheet and packet will be held in the Village Office. A thank you from the Village will be sent to the Balsam Lake Chamber of Commerce for the business inventory.

The Smart Growth committee is moving forward with the exploration of a Village Administrator. Committee members met with City Administrators from Amery, St Croix Falls and Osceola. Committee members will meet with Village Administrators or Officials this up and coming month.

Darryl Ince, Jeff Reed and Chris Nelson will contact the owners of the Anderson property.

A few complaints have been heard from Main Street business owners in regards to vehicles parking for long length of times on Main Street in front of their establishments. At this time there are no restrictions on the amount of time a vehicle can be parked on Main Street. No decisions were made at this time.

Motion by Steve Williams to adjourn. Seconded by Caroline Rediske. Carried.

Lori Duncan, Village Clerk Treasurer