**Agenda 4-20-17**

 Welcome: Randy Therrien

Treasurer’s Report: Charlotte Davis.
 -Kris has funds from Festival of Trees, approx. $50.

         Bandstand/Gazeebo in Veteran’s Park

         Construction - timeline and who will be involved in construction – Bernie Pare

         Materials purchase - Bernie Pare
-Spoke with David, meeting Saturday morning about plans
 -Tried to involve Region 9, left 2 voicemails
-Brookfield is suggesting to move bandstand back to original location, on left side of park, which is closer to the electrical. Brookfield’s property, so they have say about what happens. Should meet with Len about plans.

         Celebration – Military Band – Randy Therrien
 -In Maine around July, trying to bring them to a kickoff event.

         Downtown Construction and Roof Drains – Bernie, Randy, Jen
 -Bob Chase – Project is a 2 year plan. there is not yet a date to start, bids have been put in at the beginning of the week. In the review stages now, on tonight’s agenda, could be selected tonight. Then a meeting with contractor will set dates and plan.

Bob Chase, Fire Chief– About roof drain ordinance that was passed in Rumford. Runoff should not be going into sewer lines, overflows into water treatment plant and causes problems. Smoke was pressured into lines to find leaks. All will be fixed when sidewalk construction takes place. Ted Barry said tat many building may have a trap preventing back flow, and not allowing smoke analysis to go through. Hope to get 100% compliance and communication with building owners. Storm water laterals will be brought to building, and owners are responsible for connection to town project. Most owners have responded with compliance to letters, and awaiting plans. Ordinance reads, Some people may not be able to identify if water is flowing into which pipe, Bernie suggest a master plumber goes through building to sign off on plans.
The Target is…During construction, a plan of corrections Must be taken care so streets do not have to be ripped up again. Letters were sent from Mr. Chase, noting enforcement. Storm water lines will NOT be brought into the building, just up to the building.

Joe from Building Solutions – Offered to provide a plan to property owners, at a discounted arrangement, to provide in house plumbing and building inspections. May also be able to find grants or low interest loans to help the plan along.

Bernie and Randy – Have gotten together with a local plumber to propose a plan. Bernie has been talking with business owners about what will happen to businesses. Worry about if sidewalk ditch will be open, and access to front doors.

Mia – Going to selectmen about loans, interest free, to assist with building owners financially. Asks to come to selectmen meeting tonight and show support.

Jim- going for grants and permissions to add gas lines and high speed internet underground during project.

          ERs role? How do we intend to help and why?

         Review of meetings to date; What’s been discussed? Who is involved?

         Derek Von/Von Plumbing

         Timelines?

         Resources?

          EnvisionRumford Social Media sites/pages  - Kris Howes
 -Revamping entire website, currently under construction

          Discus intended Content and Management of Social Media outlet(s)

         Need to identify information and communication channels to be used consistently to support our mission

         Profiles for ER members and member businesses; what needs to be provided?

         Other uses?  - Fundraising? Special projects?

* Historic District Update– Jen Kreckel
 -Rumford Island is now a Historic District! Congrats…
 -The Group possibly teaming up with Chris Closs(?) about doing a workshop and communication about developing information and promotions.

         Bangor Saving Bank Grant Update – Bernie? Jen?

         New Business Updates

o   New Businesses or Initiatives – Jim Rinaldo
-With developing hotel, people are becoming interested with open building, most upper levels being vacant, etc. Hope to push purchasing and developing future projects.
-Joe – Looking at hotel as economic stimulus, bringing in tourism, shopping, etc. Hotel will put the town on the map, and hope to make the town “take off” and bring new investors that want to help the economy.
-Concerns about investors buying property just to “flip” places to make profit.

         Upcoming events:

·         Annual Chamber Dinner – Thursday April 27th @ Black Mountain

         Envision Rumford, Kris Howes to be recognized

·         Other events??

         New Business/Suggestions

o   projects and initiatives – What is scheduled?

o   What should we consider adding?

o   Other???
-Randy spoke with OCMH about children and having adult role models.
-Bernie suggests kids help with downtown cleanup.
-Randy, May 24th Bank closes to do a cleanup day.
-Jenn, absent today, usually plans a downtown decoration day with flowers and such, but with construction, plans are unknown. Possibly still setup planters, construction equipment can move such items.
-John, From RUMFORD AHEAD – Working with Brookfield on walking trail opening. Trying to improve safety issues and make trail welcoming for mile and a half hike. Feel confident that a grant will come through this year to assist the project, and be a big asset to the addition of hotel and downtown project.

         2017 Membership Drive

 o   Will you bring a friend to an ER meeting?