

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON  
Minutes of the May 25, 2011 M-18 Development Committee

Committee Members Present: Adams, Allen, Anderson, Gookin, Hodges, McKee, Myers, Sadowski and Suvada.

Committee Members Absent: Dodge and Lederman.

Others Present: Kelly Barton, Mike Butler, Chuck Mires and Steve Morris.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairman Suvada.

Introductions of the committee members were conducted.

Suvada stated that the purpose of the meeting was to give guidance to the Village Council for the development of the M-18 Commercial Property across from Hart Ford and Lear Corporation.

Chuck Mires questioned what businesses and what do you want the community to be?

Myers discussed a walk able community, new library adjacent to the property to be constructed, a coffee shop, the Pure Michigan Campaign, wind turbine facility, hospital, business incubator, and a kitchen incubator.

McKee discussed new taxes and job creation.

Anderson stated that if a box store was constructed in Roscommon, the overall tax base would go down and was not good for the community, small business owner's downtown, or the village.

Mires discussed a Wal-Mart (grocery only) store, hospital, residential by the river, and recreation. He stated that the village would need to attract corporations or people that want to bring something into town.

Butler discussed the MDNRE, a small subdivision with commercial frontage along M-18 was the original plan, the village use to have a sporting goods store, the committee should look at what the village does not have, and a box store will not locate within the village.

Adams discussed cottage law and the farm market.

McKee stated that everyone wants a small town.

Suvada discussed the commercial entrance.

Overall consensus was not to proceed with development of the entrance or spend further money on the M-18 Property until an investor was acquired.

The committee discussed starting talks with the DDA about starting a business incubator as described in the September 29, 2004 Downtown Market Study.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Village Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.