

Meeting Minutes  
Exeter Economic Development Commission  
Governance and Regulations Sub-Committee  
Thursday July 7, 2011

Present: Karel Kunz, Don Clement, Julie Gilman, Selectmen's Rep. Meeting convened at 7:15 am.

Discussion began with the questions: Why do we want street vendors? Where can we put vendors?  
Who can or what kind of vending?

Vendors add to street action and activity, inviting atmosphere.

Mr. Clement commented on other towns' regulations: using Portsmouth as an example, vendors are limited to specific sites. There is a difference between motorized (examples: food trucks, ice cream trucks, anything requiring motor vehicle registration) vs. non-motorized. There are size constraints for non-motorized vendors. Food vending must be licensed by state.

Currently:

Exeter requires permit.

Does not have definitions for vending types, sizes or places.

The town does not place requirements on vendors. (liability insurance, permit from state, responsibility of trash, chairs and/or tables allowed vs. not allowed)

Exeter does not have many spots downtown with good visibility.

Permit is a flat cost. Should permit cost vary by type or duration?

Should we define time periods or let vendor propose when seeking permit? Considerations: hourly, days of the week, monthly, events only.

Define sponsored events: private vs. municipal. Consensus agrees vendors good for town sponsored events. Privately sponsored don't need town permit but must have permission of sponsor. (AIM, UFO travel soccer and other uses of recreation facilities.) Need permit for vending on privately owned property?

Downtown retailers should be notified of municipal events for permitted vending before general public but give response deadline.

Why do vendors choose where to go and can Exeter be attractive to them?

Action:

Don will work on definitions

Julie will solicit opinions from local businesses and property owners, municipal services.

Karel to travel to other towns for opinions of active vendors.

Next meeting to be determined but final recommendation in September for Commission comments.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 am

Respectfully submitted

Julie Gilman, Selectmen's Rep.