**2017 Economic Development Meeting**

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 Meeting opened at 8:00AM @ Town Office

**Present:** Kelly Dearborn-Luce, Administrative Assistant; Mike Tardiff, CNHRPC; Chris Bowes, Selectmen; Liz Robinson, Public Member/Realtor and special guest Jared Reynolds of UNH Coop,

Meeting opened at 8:00am.

Minutes of September meeting were accepted.

Members introduced themselves to the guest. Jared is new to UNH Cooperative Extension, Merrimack County and meeting with communities to discuss their economic development plans. Jared hopes to attend EDC meetings to share information. Jared would like to assist the Town with any challenges we may be facing with Economic Development.

Mike Tardiff spoke about the application which was presented to the Board of Selectmen at their last meeting. Mike also explained to the public that was present at the meeting the areas the EDC has chosen and why. Letters to the home owners (19) will be sent out after the application process with DRED. Mike and Kelly will be reviewing the application with DRED staff next Wednesday.

Mike Tardiff spoke about the Rte. 4 – Rest Area. The area was cleaned up by volunteers. The State has the property on surplus and the Town will have first options.

Kelly spoke about the MtBE and potential water line coming in to the Circle. Kelly will follow-up with Engineers with status.

Glenn Horner was unable to attend but sent an email about the trail system; the Epsom Bible Church has responded in a positive way to upgrade & maintain a portion of the Rail Trail across from their property. They have also offered their property for potential branch trail establishment to Webster Park area. Also, Fort Mountain Trail winders would be happy to have the town upgrade and maintain the Rail Trail for their portion of the snowmobile trail system.

The RSA 79-E tax incentives were discussed again. Mike spoke about the “village or downtown” areas that the tax incentive is geared to. Members discussed the Goboro Road area and thought that area would be best to have tax incentive and to be specific on that area for Phase 1. Kelly will discuss further with the Selectmen.

Mike will be attending the meetings regarding the DOT 10 year transportation plans.

Members discussed the planning and zoning process again.

**The next meeting will be November 7th at 8:00AM at Town Office.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00AM.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Dearborn-Luce