**2017 Economic Development Meeting**

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 Meeting opened at **8:00AM @ (Circle Diner)**

**Present:** Donald Harty, Chair for Board of Selectmen; Glenn Horner, Chair for Zoning Board of Adjustment; Kelly Dearborn-Luce, Administrative Assistant; Mike Tardiff, CNHRPC; Chris Bowes, Selectmen; Bobbi-Lynn Thomas, Public Member/Realtor and Liz Robinson, Public Member/Realtor.

Mike Tardiff from CNHRPC opened the meeting at 8:00am.

**Old Business:**

A few items from last meeting were discussed:

1. Kelly reported that she spoke with Gary Kitson from Village Water District regarding the water line extension. Gary said the plans from Underwood Engineers were not final. Kelly will be in touch to see when they can meet with us for updates.
2. Website updates – Kelly submitted the front page of the site to Mike to see if someone CNHRPC could assist with updates.
3. Rte. 4 – Rest Area. Mike Tardiff and Chris Bowes met with NHDOT rep’s to discuss the area. The State may give the Town permission to clean up (maintain) the lawn area. A tour of the building will be requested before the next meeting.
4. Don Harty and Glenn Horner walked a couple of trails near Suncook River. Glenn said the one near Webster Park would be best to utilize as a trail that we could advertise “Recreational Use” / Trail Program. Glenn will also contact Alison of Conservation to assist with trail and easements. A potential meeting will be set between Don, Glenn, the Conservation Commission Chair, and Craig Tufts and Sam Durfee from CNHRPC to discuss next steps related to new trails.
5. The Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) program and RSA 79-E tax incentives were discussed again and Mike suggested inviting DRED to a meeting for more information.

**New Business:**

The group had a lengthily discussion of the ERZ (revitalization zoning) and Mike provided a map to review. The areas for the commercial zoning were pointed out and discussed. Mike will provide colored mark-ups of the map. The zoning for economical use is not spot zoning. The ERZ could be used to establish Epsom on sites like “Choose NH.com”.

Discussions of different uses for the new zoning areas such as industrial, retail and sports centers were also discussed.

**The next meeting will be June 6 at 8:00AM at Town Office.**

(Kelly will contact DOT regarding a tour of rest area building before the meeting on the 6th).

Meeting adjourned at 9:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Dearborn-Luce