

2017 Economic Development Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 Meeting opened at **8:00AM**

Present: Donald Harty, Chair for Board of Selectmen; Glenn Horner, Chair for Zoning Board of Adjustment; Jay Hickey, Zoning Compliance Officer and Acting Chair for the Planning Board; Kelly Dearborn-Luce, Administrative Assistant; Mike Tardiff, CNHRPC; Stephen Henninger, CNHRPC; Bobbi-Lynn Thomas, Public Member/Realtor and Liz Robinson, Public Member/Realtor.

Kelly Dearborn-Luce opened the meeting with introductions and spoke about the new 2017 EDC Charter and membership. The Chair for each Board (Selectmen, Planning & Zoning) will alternate members of their board to attend the Economic Development meetings. The members will be meeting once a month. The Selectmen have appointed three public sector members; Liz Robinson, Bobbi-Lynn Thomas and Chris Pepin. Informational packets were handed out.

Mike Tardiff distributed the Strategic Plan outline. Mike Tardiff and Stephen Henninger are from the Central NH Regional Planning Commission and will be facilitating the meetings. Mike reviewed the list of guidelines and the group discussed the following;

Architectural Guidelines for design review to be implemented within the Planning Board Site Plan Review Regulations. Stephen is assisting the Planning Board with the new revision of the regulations.

Options for funding for economic growth such as the DRED Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) program, RSA 79-E tax incentives, Brownfields, and EDA. The Tax incentive 79-E would require Town Meeting adoption and the Committee could prepare documents to be on the ballot for March 2018.

Developing and/or updating the web site for the 2017 Economic Development Committee for targeting, marketing and general information. Mike will ask staff from CNHRPC to assist Kelly with the web site.

Regional Planning and meetings with Pittsfield, Loudon and Allenstown was suggested.

State DOT transportation programs and updates – Kelly noted that Selectman Bowes had researched and attended meetings regarding the Rest Area on Route 4 and Mike will contact Chris for follow-up. There was a lengthy discussion on traffic and traveling on Route 4 and it is with hopes that the State would consider Epsom within their 10 year improvement plan.

The recreational areas of Epsom were discussed and Don Harty and Glenn Horner would like to research the “trail” program with Conservation and the committee should identify all other areas for future development.

The water improvement plan was discussed and Kelly will ask Village Water members to attend the next meeting to see if the engineers have a plan ready to expand the water line to the circle.

The next meeting will be May 2, at 8:00AM at Town Office.

At 9:30AM Meeting Adjourned

(Minutes approved on 05/02/17)

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Dearborn-Luce

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