

2017 Economic Development Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 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; Bobbi-Lynn Thomas, Public Member/Realtor; Jared Reynolds, UNH Cooperative Extension, Merrimack County; Louis Houle, Pittsfield Community Development; Bridgett Beckwith, NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs and 4 property owners within the ERZ – Jeffrey Sheehy, Roger Landry, Adam Towne and Alan Johnson.

Meeting opened at 8:00am.

Members introduced themselves to the guest.

Mike Tardiff gave a brief history and background of the current Economic Development Committee and what we have accomplished to date.

Bridgett Beckwith presented the members and guest with an explanation of the ERZ application process works and how the properties located in the established ERZ would qualify for the tax incentive programs. For example some of the information provided was; property owners need to apply, with approval letter, deadline of February 10th, the maximum credit is \$240,000.00 over a 6 year period.

Mike also explained to the public that the letters were sent out to the property owners that are listed in the ERZ. Mike reviewed the ERZ maps and Jeffrey Sheehy has 3 lots that will be added to the ERZ.

Mike said Bridgett has reviewed our application and it looks good and ready for Selectmen approval. Kelly said the next Selectmen meetings are Nov 20th and Dec 4th.

Kelly mentioned that the signs have been priced to advertise and promote the ERZ and we just need to “name” the areas. The signs can be ordered after budget approval in March.

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

The RSA 79-E tax incentives were discussed and the area on Goboro Road will be written into the warrant article for development or rehabilitation in a village area.

The property owners spoke about their interest in the tax incentives. Adam Towne has concerns with development without town water available. Roger Landry asked about development on the Granny Howe Road as it is a Class 6 road.

The members thanked the residents and property owners for attending the meeting and for their interest in the program to help encourage economic development.

The next meeting will be December 5th at 8:00AM at Town Office.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00AM.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Dearborn-Luce

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