

Hillsborough EDC Meeting Minutes for June 27, 2019 Approved Aug 22, 2019

Present: Jane Williams, Robyn Payson, Doug Hatfield, Robert Nash, JP Stohrer

Meeting opened at 9:00

Minutes 5/23/19 Doug Hatfield made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Bob Nash seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Election of Officers

Jane Williams's term as EDC Chair has expired. Doug Hatfield made a motion to re-appoint Jane as Chair, Bob Nash seconded the motion. Jane said she would need a Vice Chair if she was going to continue. Bob Nash volunteered to be Vice Chair. Jane made a motion to appoint Bob Nash as Vice Chairman. JP Stohrer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Director Update

Robyn brought the Commission up to date on the Plan NH Charrette process. She reported that the meeting to address specific projects would be in September because schedule a meeting like this is very difficult in the summer do to people's vacations. She said that she had been working with Stephen Meno who is the town's economic development rep from UNH Cooperative Extension to develop a list of projects to be assigned at the September meeting.

There was discussion about specific projects which included a "dog walk" "fishing derby" and installing boat launches along Beard Brook.

It will be important for the Kemp Park committee, Hillsborough Reborn, Hillsborough Pride as well as the EDC, Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Board of Selectmen participate in this project and take on specific tasks.

It was suggested that the high school kids in DECCA and the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) be approached to be "Student Event Representatives" to provide leadership and involve the high school kids in the town projects.

Holding a seminar for small businesses to give them advice and assistance was discussed. Bob said the Chamber was hosting the Small Business Administration in October to do just that.

2 Bridge Street

Bob Nash asked about the cost of demolishing 2 Bridge Street. Jane said she was disappointed with what the Charrette came up for an idea for that corner. Robyn said the idea of renovating the buildings or knocking them both down and replacing it with another similar building was an "out of the box" idea that may not work but it would start the discussion of what to do with the buildings.

Bob Nash said that the estimate he heard about was \$60,000.00. Robyn said that she thought it would likely cost more than that. Bob wanted to know how to get the process started. She told him to approach the Selectmen and see how they wanted to proceed.

New Business

Jane said that the new barber shop was doing very well in its new location at 35 West Main Street and the coffee shop in the Central Street Emporium was also doing well. She suggested that an EDC meeting hold a meeting there. Robyn said that the new shop "Opalina's Treasures" was open in the same building as the new barber shop. Bob Nash said that the Chamber of Commerce moving in to the Emporium building will add more activity to the downtown.

There was discussion about Walmart and the Commission wanted to invite Mike Black down to discuss the Antrim Road development and see if the EDC could do anything to help the project move forward.

EDC Web Page

Selectman JP Stohrer pointed out that the Economic Development information on the town web site was very much out of date. He suggested a committee be formed to update the information.

July Meeting

The EDC meeting scheduled for July has been cancelled.

JP Stohrer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Nash seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Payson