

Hillsborough EDC Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2019

Present: Jane Williams, Robyn Payson, Doug Hatfield, Laura Buono, Dana Brien, Richard Hellings, JP Stohrer

Meeting opened at 9:02

Minutes: Ms. Buono made a motion to approve the minutes of June 27, 2019. Mr. Stohrer seconded. The motion passed.

Town Administrator Update:

Ms. Buono reported a successful conclusion to the Camp Manahan season. The town is also always looking for life guards. Krista Liquori, waterfront director, is able to train interested lifeguards and junior lifeguard. The age limit is 16+.

Youth Services and Project Genesis had a successful registration and may need to add more part-time staff. Chelsea Szalanski is currently interviewing potential interns from NEC. Also, PG and OYS will be having a Yard sale and Open House on September 7th and are currently accepting donations of good used items. Drop off at PG during open hours.

The 2020 budget planning season is opening soon. So far it is known that the Legal Line will be going up due to increased code enforcement.

Ken Matthews has been doing a wonderful job maintaining the flowers that the town purchased and that are in barrels downtown.

The town has hired a new parks manager, Scott Yeaton. Ms. Buono reported he has done a great job though he's only been on board a short time.

(Doug Hatfield entered the meeting at 9:15am)

Ms. Buono also expressed her concern that EDC needs to decide on a purpose. The Parking Ordinance, spearheaded by the EDC, and logistics of signage and enforcement are currently in discussion with the public, BOS, and Police Chief. Signs will be posted as soon as possible.

Ms. Williams asked for an update on the Old Post Office building. Ms. Buono reported that she and Ms. Payson had been approached by another investor and will be bringing the proposal to the BOS on Tuesday.

There was general discussion of publicity, EDC roles and procedures.

Ms. Buono reported progress in working toward a clean-up grant for the Associated Electric building. There have been two working meetings with the owners and CNHRPC. The owners would like to retain the property and make it an active business.

Town Planner Update:

Ms. Payson reported that on September 25, 2019 at 7pm in the High School Cafeteria, there will be a Charrette Project Kick-Off meeting. Steve Meno with UNH will represent the Charrette group and tasks will be assigned to achieve the top 5 projects: Easy, Tangible...Such as the fitness trail, Kemp Park improvements, etc.

Ms. Payson reported that a suggestion was made to combine all the volunteer groups involved in revitalization into one.

The owners of the white house at 10 West Main are currently looking at development options.

Mr. Stohrer interjected that he had to leave the meeting at 9:45am but wanted to emphasize that addressing the parking downtown somehow (even if it is only a perception issue) could help to sway the overall conversation away from parking as a problem.

(Mr. Stohrer left the meeting at 9:45)

Ms. Payson continued with a discussion of compliance actions and various issues. She reported being approached regarding a few significant developments.

Ms. Buono reminded the EDC that 2022 is the 250th anniversary of Hillsborough. This should be kept on the EDC agenda. The Historical Society is on board and has met with Ms. Buono to begin the process of planning. A general discussion of the event and options for publicity were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Brien